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From: Corporate Communications Department  
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WALHALLA, S.C. --- Duke Power Co. will remove its Oconee Nuclear Station's Unit No. 3 from service Saturday as ordered by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Austin C. Thies, senior vice president, production and transmission, said today.

Unit No. 3 is expected to be off line for about three weeks while Duke Power makes modifications related to lessons learned from the Three Mile Island accident.

Unit No. 2 was taken off line last week for refueling, to allow work required by NRC bulletins to be done and to perform remaining changes ordered in the aftermath of TMI. Unit No. 2 is expected to be back in service in late spring.

Unit No. 1 has been refueled and is at full power.

Duke Power's reserves will be about 8 percent this month and in early April because of the unavailability of the two Oconee units.

Although the reserves will be less than Duke Power would prefer, the company believes it can provide adequate service without resorting to emergency calls for conservation, voltage reductions or rotating blackouts, Thies said.

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