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SUBJECT: Responds to NRC 800626 ltr re prediction requirements for  
 10 Ft Small Break Test L3-6. Pre-test submittal will include  
 basis for model, time zero edit & list of assumptions.  
 Submittal will be provided to NRC by 801203.

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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station  
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a response to an undocketed letter dated June 26, 1980 from P. S. Check of your staff to a member of my staff concerning prediction requirements for LOFT Small Break Test L3-6.

The appropriate method for the NRC to use when requesting commitments to perform any analytical work or commitment to provide information is to address the letter to each utility involved. While the Chairman of the Babcock and Wilcox Owners can agree verbally on a concept, or method of approach to an issue, he cannot and will not commit formally for other utilities in the Owners' Group. He can and does facilitate informal communications to the other utilities and in this particular instance forwarded, upon receipt, copies of the above letter. However, in cases similar to this in the future, where a utility commitment is requested, this will not occur. Likewise, it is requested that all NRC correspondence be docketed and addressed to myself rather than to a member of my staff.

With regard to the Staff request to provide a blind post-test calculation, while Duke does not feel that the analysis is of significant benefit, Duke will provide a post-test calculation. In order to do this in the time frame requested by the NRC, the expected initial test conditions for L3-6 are required to be received by Babcock and Wilcox, no later than September 1, 1980. This information should be sent directly to B&W. Any delays in receipt of this information will delay completion of the pre-test submittal.

The pre-test submittal will include a list of assumptions, basis for the model, and a time zero edit. If the information requested above is received as requested this submittal will be provided to the NRC by December 3, 1980 or two weeks prior to the scheduled test date, whichever is later.

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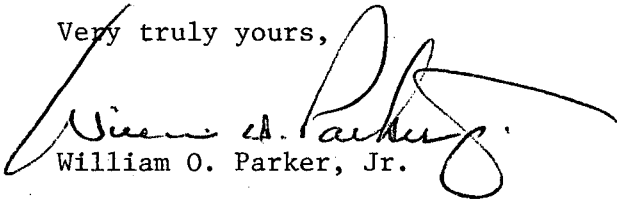
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The schedule for providing the post-test calculations will be provided at a later date.

Again, it is reiterated that a formal NRC request to commit funds or pursue a specific action should be sent, on the appropriate dockets to the normal utility management addressee, and in the case of Duke Power and Oconee to myself and not to the B&W Owners' Group Chairman. Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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