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Use of NRC Approved Code Case

This is to inform you that Duke Energy Corporation has elected to apply ASME Code Case N-481 to Reactor Coolant Pump 2A1 during Oconee Unit 2 End of Cycle 16 Refueling Outage, in lieu of inservice inspection requirements of pressure retaining welds of pump casings (Category B-L-1) as delineated in Table IWB-2500-1 of ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI.

ASME Code Case N-481 has been listed in Regulatory Guide 1.147, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability ASME Section XI Division 1" as being approved by the NRC for use in Inservice Inspections.

In accordance with the provisions of ASME Code Case N-481, an evaluation to demonstrate the safety and serviceability of the pump casing was performed. A report containing the details of this evaluation will be included in the Oconee Unit 2, End of Cycle 16 Refueling Outage, Inservice Inspection Report when it is submitted to the NRC.

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