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SUBJECT: Forwards LER 96-003-01, re 2B HPI pump being inoperable for greater than 72 h time period permitted by TS 3.3.1.c.(2). Condition was discovered on 980922 approx two yrs after original event.

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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station Unit
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Licensee Event Report 270/96-03-01
Problem Investigation Process No.: 2-096-1777
and 0-098-3964

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73 Sections (a) (1) and (d), attached is Revision 1 to Licensee Event Report (LER) 270/96-03. On October 21, 1996, Duke submitted LER 270/96-03 which identified that the 2B HPI pump was inoperable for greater than the 72-hour time period permitted by TS 3.3.1.c.(2). As a result, Oconee Nuclear Station Unit 2 entered an action statement which required the plant to be placed in hot shutdown within 12 hours. The completion of this shutdown was reported in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73 (a) (2) (i) (A).

Revision 1 of this LER is being issued to identify that during the event described above, the plant was operated in a condition prohibited by the Technical Specifications. This event was caused by an inadequate Technical Specification. This condition was discovered on September 22, 1998, approximately two years after the original event. 270032

In the event described above, HPI pump 2B was discovered to be inoperable. As a result, Enclosure 6.17 of Operations Procedure, OP/2/A/1104/02, "High Pressure Injection System," directs the Operations personnel to

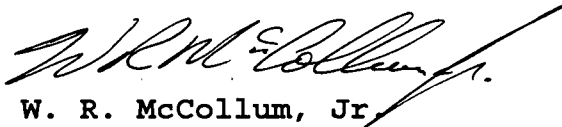
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cross-connect the discharge headers so that HPI pump C can be utilized to provide normal make-up to the reactor coolant system and reactor coolant pump seal injection. Thus, after HPI pump 2B was declared inoperable on September 18, 1996, the HPI discharge headers were cross-connected. The HPI discharge headers were cross-connected for greater than the 24-hour time period allowed by Technical Specification 3.3.1.a.(2). In addition, the shutdown requirements of Technical Specification 3.3.1.a.(2) were not met. Thus, the plant was operated in a condition prohibited by the Technical Specifications.

The event was not considered to be of any significance with respect to the health and safety of the public. This supplement does not affect that conclusion.

Very truly yours,



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