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SUBJECT: Submits progress rept on long-term mods, including two motor-driven emergency feedwater pumps. Believe two pump test, noted NRC 790518 ltr, should no longer be required.

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Attention: Mr. Robert W. Reid, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch 4  
Division of Operating Reactors

Re: Oconee Nuclear Station  
Docket Numbers 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Sir:

My letter of June 14, 1979 provided the schedule for completion of certain long-term modifications described in Section II of a May 7, 1979 Commission Order for Oconee Nuclear Station. One of these items was the installation of two motor-driven emergency feedwater pumps for each Oconee unit. A completion date of August 25, 1979 was stated.

Currently, Oconee 1 and 2 are in an operational mode, nominally at full power. Oconee 3 is in an extended shutdown, which began on April 28, 1979, due to activities associated with IE Bulletins 79-02 and 79-14. The installation of the motor-driven emergency feedwater pumps is complete for Oconee 3 and is essentially complete for Oconee 1. The Oconee 1 modification may be finished by August 25, 1979 and, allowing for reasonable contingencies, should be complete by September 15, 1979. With regard to Oconee 2, the installation of the new emergency feedwater pumps is in an advanced state. Completion and testing of the Oconee 2 modification will be accomplished during a unit shutdown scheduled to begin by September 30, 1979.

Also concerning the Oconee emergency feedwater system, your letter of May 18, 1979 stated that Duke would be required to demonstrate

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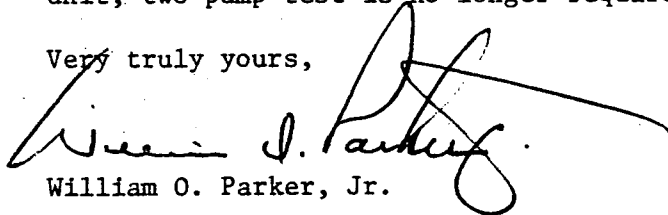
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acceptable flow rates and flow stability with only two operating steam-driven emergency feedwater pumps when all three nuclear units are operational. Since May 18, 1979, all three Oconee units have not been operational and this testing has not been performed to date. With the completion of installation of the motor-driven pumps on each unit, the operation of all three nuclear units with the interconnected steam-driven emergency feedwater pump system will not be an established mode of operation. Therefore, it is considered that the proposed three-unit, two-pump test is no longer required.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William O. Parker, Jr.", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

William O. Parker, Jr.

DCH:vr

cc: Mr. D. F. Ross