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 Proposed shutdown would severely impact power reliability
 in States of VA-Carolinas subregion. *see Rpts..*

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Enclosures:

- 1) Ltr dtd 1/15/80 from Duke (8001170378)
- 2) Duke's answer to order to show cause (8001170385)

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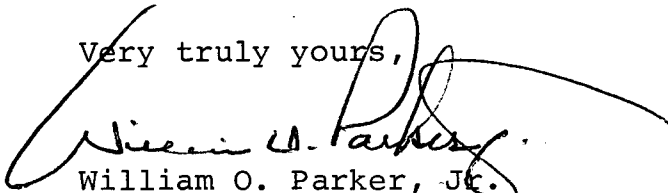
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Re: Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 2 & 3
Docket Nos. 50-270 & 50-287
Order to Show Cause

Dear Mr. Denton:

On January 2, 1980, you forwarded Order to Show Cause for Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3, which was issued by the Commission. The Order provided that the licensee may file a written answer to the Order under oath within 20 days of the date of the Order. Duke Power Company's Answer to Order to Show Cause which has been filed with Mr. Chase Stephens, Docketing and Service Section, is enclosed. We believe this answer demonstrates that the Commission's proposed shut-down order would severely impact power reliability in the Virginia-Carolinas Subregion of the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council.

Very truly yours,


William O. Parker, Jr.

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