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SUBJECT: Application for amends to Licenses DPR-38, DPR-47 & DPR-55,
 revising Tech Specs to delete ref to reload fuel assembly
 & rod enrichment requirements. Fee paid.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. John F. Stolz, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4

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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50, §50.90, please find attached (Attachment 1) a proposed amendment to the Oconee Facility Operating License and revision to the Oconee Technical Specifications. This proposed amendment request concerns the requirement that reload fuel assemblies and rods not exceed an enrichment of 3.5 percent U-235, as given in Oconee Technical Specifications (T.S.).

Duke Power proposes to delete the reference to the enrichment requirement in T.S. 5.3.1.4, as indicated in Attachment 1 for reasons identified in Attachment 2 (the Technical Justification). Briefly, Duke submits that the enrichment requirement is appropriately addressed in T.S. 3.8.15. The present request is being submitted following discussions with the staff on this subject which indicated that exact specification of the initial enrichment for reload fuel assemblies and rods is unnecessary and inconsistent with current reload analysis practices.

Duke has determined and submits that the present amendment request does not constitute a significant hazard to the public health or the safety of the environment. Please find attached the No Significant Hazards Consideration Evaluation (Attachment 3) which sets forth the reasons for Duke's assertion that no significant hazards are associated with the present amendment request. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 (b) (1), a copy of this application will be forwarded to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for review; any concerns on their part can be addressed in a follow-up consultation with the Staff, if necessary.

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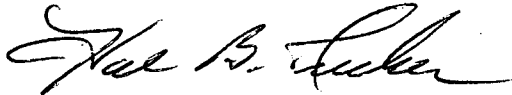
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Pursuant to 10 CFR 170, §170.12, please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$150.00, the application for amendment fee which is specified by §170.21.

Very truly yours,



Hal B. Tucker

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Attachments

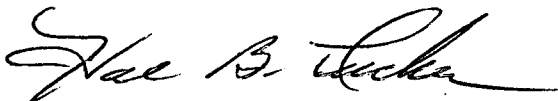
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HAL B. TUCKER, being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President of Duke Power Company; that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this request for amendment of the Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specifications, Appendix A to Facility Operating Licenses DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55; and that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



Hal B. Tucker, Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of September, 1985.



Notary Public

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