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 revising TS to provide allowable outage time for PCB-9.

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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station  
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287  
PCB-9 Changeout  
Proposed Technical Specifications

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 10CFR50, Part 50.90, please find attached (Attachment 1) a proposed amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS) facility operating licenses and revisions to the ONS Technical Specifications. Duke is currently implementing a modification to replace Power Circuit Breakers (PCB) in the 230kV switchyard in order to upgrade the fault current interruption capability. This modification will assure continued reliability of the 230kV switchyard. Included within this program is PCB-9. PCB-9 is required for operability of the overhead emergency power path pursuant to Technical Specification 3.7.1(b)(2).

Existing Technical Specifications provide an allowable outage time of 72 hours for inoperability of PCB-9. In order to perform the modification, the overhead emergency power path would have to be inoperable for 10 days, requiring a shutdown of all three Oconee Units. The attached proposed amendment provides a one-time allowable outage time of 10 days for change out of PCB-9.

A review of the requirements of 10CFR50.91 indicate that circumstances do not exist for emergency or exigent approval of this amendment request. However, in order to allow timely implementation of this modification without requiring unit shutdowns, I request that the NRC pursue an expedited review and approval of this request.

I have determined the attached proposed amendment as having no significant hazards considerations. Attachment 3 provides the No Significant Hazards Consideration Evaluation. Attachment 2 provides the supporting Technical Justification.

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I am forwarding a copy of this application to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for review and, as appropriate, subsequent consultation with the staff. I trust that the NRC staff will pursue a timely review and approval of this request such that the associated modification can be implemented thus increasing the reliability of the Oconee 230 kV switchyard.

Very truly yours,



Hal B. Tucker

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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 the said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Oconee Nuclear Station License Nos. 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*  
Hal B. Tucker, Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of June, 1989.

*Linda L. Kessler*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

*Mar 7, 1994*

