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

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.6.2.1.a(2) of the Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specifications, please find attached Reportable Occurrence Report RO-269/79-7.

Very truly yours,


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DUKE POWER COMPANY
OCONEE UNITS 1, 2, 3

Report Number: RO-269/79-7

Report Date: February 22, 1979

Occurrence Date: February 8, 1979

Facility: Oconee Nuclear Station, Seneca, South Carolina

Identification of Occurrence: Failure to Verify Operability of Keowee Unit 1

Conditions Prior to Occurrence: Unit 1 100% Full Power
Unit 2 100% Full Power
Unit 3 100% Full Power

Description of Occurrence:

At 0747 on February 6, 1979, Keowee Unit 2 was removed from service for maintenance purposes. Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specification 3.7.2(b) allows one Keowee unit to be removed from service for maintenance for up to 72 hours, provided that the other unit is verified operable within one hour and every eight hours thereafter. This requirement is included in a station procedure covering removal and restoration of equipment. Operability of Keowee Unit 1 was verified as required until 0115 on February 8, 1979, when operability was verified eight hours and ten minutes after the previous test. Operability of Keowee Unit 1 was verified as required until 1639 on February 8, when Keowee Unit 2 was returned to service and verified to be operable.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence:

Technical Specification 3.7.2(b) was violated because operations personnel inadvertently failed to perform the operability test within the required time period.

Analysis of Occurrence:

Operability of Keowee Unit 1 was verified within ten minutes after the specified time period had expired, and it would have been available had its operation been required. Therefore, the health and safety of the public were not endangered.

Corrective Action:

The personnel responsible have been counseled in order to preclude future such occurrences. In addition, the individuals involved have been appropriately disciplined.