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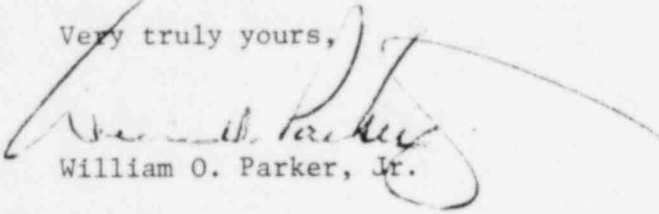
Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket No. 50-287

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Please find attached Reportable Occurrence Report RO-287/81-11. This report is submitted pursuant to Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specification 6.6.2.1.b(2), which concerns operation in a degraded mode permitted by a limiting condition for operation, and describes an incident which is considered to be of no significance with respect to its effect on the health and safety of the public.

Very truly yours,


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DUKE POWER COMPANY
OCONEE UNIT 3

Report Number: RO-287/81-11

Report Date: June 17, 1981

Occurrence Date: May 18, 1981

Facility: Oconee Unit 3, Seneca, South Carolina

Identification of Occurrence: Mechanical Snubber Inoperable

Conditions Prior to Occurrence: 100% FP

Description of Occurrence: At 0730 hours on May 18, 1981, a safety-related mechanical snubber was discovered inoperable during a visual inspection. The snubber was located on the Unit 3 LP Condensate Line. This constitutes operation in a degraded mode per Technical Specification 3.14.2 and is thus reportable pursuant to Technical Specification 6.6.2.1.b(2).

Apparent Cause of Occurrence: The snubber being "locked-up" was due to the ball screw shaft of the snubber was found to be slightly scored, thus prohibiting the ball bearings from rolling smoothly.

Analysis of Occurrence: The inoperable snubber was replaced with a new one well within the time permitted by the Oconee Technical Specifications. All other snubbers and hangers in the area were operable. Thus, the health and safety of the public were not affected.

Corrective Action: The snubber was replaced with a new one from supply. The inoperable snubber will be sent to Pacific Scientific for analysis of failure and repair. Procedures will be revised to indicate that all mechanical snubbers will be stroked the full range before installation.