

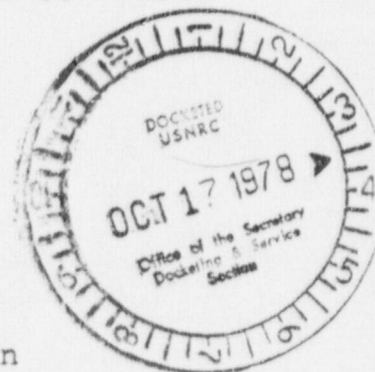
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In the Matter of Duke Power Company
Amendment to Materials License SNM-1773 for
Oconee Nuclear Station Spent Fuel Transportation
And Storage at McGuire Nuclear Station
Docket No. 70-2623



Gentlemen:

Pursuant to this Board's Order establishing October 24 as the date for a prehearing conference, the various Petitioners for intervention have submitted proposed contentions. Applicant, Staff and Petitioners are in the process of negotiating these proposed contentions with the hope of arriving at an agreeable stipulation of contentions and procedures. 10 CFR Section 2.714 is silent as to the time frame within which responses to proposed contentions are due. However, Applicant maintains that responses are permitted. However, rather than file such responses at this time, inasmuch as the above described negotiations may obviate the need for such, Applicant requests that the time within which it may respond be extended to October 24.

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