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Dear Sir:

The Georgia Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) offers the following comments on the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 4, regarding the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2. The report does not adequately address the affects of water withdrawals and blowdown during extreme drought conditions. Reduced withdrawals should be evaluated, and an emergency drought plan should be developed which would be implemented whenever river discharge drops below a pre-determined minimum level.

State and federally protected plants and animals were identified on the area and within transmission line corridors. Plant Hatch personnel should coordinate with WRD in the management of these transmission line corridors and areas outside of the plant operational boundaries to insure that management practices are not detrimental to these protected species.

Additionally, the Plant Hatch facility could provide much needed public access to bank fishing on the Altamaha River. We feel Wayside Park, which is operated by Plant Hatch, could be improved to provide bank fishing or a fishing pier. WRD staff would like to see fishing access provided at this location or elsewhere on the site and would be available for consultation to design this access. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

David Waller

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