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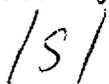
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Dear Mr. Hairston:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a "Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination and Opportunity for Hearing" related to your May 6, 1988, request for amendment to the operating license for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 1. The amendment would remove the organization charts from the Technical Specifications. The notice has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,



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NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO  
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND PROPOSED NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS  
CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-68, issued to Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and City of Dalton, Georgia, (the licensee), for operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 1, located in Burke County, Georgia.

The licensee proposes to amend the Technical Specifications (TS) by replacing TS Figure 6.2-1, "Offsite Organization" with more general organizational requirements. These general requirements capture the essential aspects of the organizational structure that are defined by the TS Figures 6.2-1, and 6.2-2. These changes are consistent with the guidance provided in Generic Letter 88-06, "Removal of Organization Charts from Technical Specification Administrative Control Requirements." This amendment request was dated May 6, 1988, and supersedes the amendment request dated December 28, 1987 noticed in the Federal Register on March 9, 1988 (53 FR 7592).

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Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

In regard to the proposed amendment, the licensee has determined the following:

1. The proposed change will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated. The change involves no physical alteration of the plant or changes to setpoints or operating parameters. The change does not affect operation, maintenance, or testing of the plant. For these reasons, the response of the plant to previously evaluated accidents will remain unchanged.
2. The proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated. Since no change is being made to the design, operation, maintenance, or testing of the plant, a new mode of failure is not created. A new or different kind of accident could therefore not result.

3. The proposed change does not significantly reduce a margin of safety. The general organization requirements being added to the Technical Specifications will assure that those organizational features necessary for safe plant operation will continue to be maintained. Details of the organizational structure will be maintained in the Final Safety Analysis Report and updated regularly. Margins of safety are therefore not reduced.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's determination and concurs with its findings.

Accordingly, the Commission proposes to determine that the proposed change involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination. The Commission will not normally make a final determination unless it receives a request for a hearing. Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Rules and Procedures Branch, Division of Rules and Records, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C, 20555, and should cite the publication date and page number of the FEDERAL REGISTER notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 4000, Maryland National Bank Building, 7735 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By *July 5, 1988,* the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene. Request for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR §2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter, and the bases for each contention set forth with reasonable specificity. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and

State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C., by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-800-325-6000 (in Missouri 1-800-342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number 3737 and the following message addressed to David B. Matthews: petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; plant name; and publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Mr. Arthur H. Dombay, Troutman, Sanders, Lockerman and Ashmore, Chandler Building, Suite 1400, 127 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30043, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Burke County Public Library, 4th Street, Waynesboro, Georgia 30830.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of May 1988.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rules and Procedures Branch  
 Division of Rules and Records  
 Office of Administration

FROM: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 1 (Georgia Power Company, et al)

One signed original of the *Federal Register* Notice identified below is enclosed for your transmittal to the Office of the Federal Register for publication. Additional conformed copies ( 5 ) of the Notice are enclosed for your use.

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