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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

February 17, 1981

Docket No. 50-424
and 50-425

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Dear Mr. Ehrensperger:

SUBJECT: FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE - ALVIN W. VOGTLE NUCLEAR PLANT

We have received your application for amendment to construction permits CPPR-108 and CPPR-109. Enclosed is a copy of a notice of proposed issuance of amendment to construction permits which has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Schwencer".

A. Schwencer, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Federal Register Notice

cc w/enclosures:
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY)
OGLETHORPE ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION)
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AUTHORITY)
CITY OF DALTON)

Docket Nos. 50-424
and 50-425

(Alvin W. Vogtle Nuclear Plant,
Units 1 and 2)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has received a request dated December 19, 1980, for issuance of amendments to Construction Permits Nos. CPPR-108 and CPPR-109, issued to Georgia Power Company, et al, (the Permittees), for the Alvin W. Vogtle Nuclear Plant (the facility), a pressurized water reactor to be located in Burke County, Georgia.

The proposed amendments would reflect a modification in plant design. The modification proposes to delete an enclosure building covering the above-grade portions of the primary containment building. The Permittees support the application for the design modification with a revised analysis of the radiological consequences of a postulated loss-of-coolant accident which shows offsite post-accident doses which are less than, or comparable to, doses judged to be acceptable for design now and at the time construction was initially authorized.

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

By March 26, 1981, the Permittee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendments to the subject facility construction permits 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. Requests 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 amendments 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.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene shall 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. 20555 by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner or representative for the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at (800) 325-6000 (in Missouri (800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification

Number 3737 and the following message addressed to A. Schwencer: (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 Executive Legal Director, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to George F. Trowbridge, Esq., Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, attorney for Permittees.

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 or the presiding officer of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to rule on the petition and/or request, that the petitioner has made a substantial showing of good cause for the granting of a late petition and/or request. That determination will be based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

The proposed modification of the facility represents a change in the major features or components incorporated therein for the protection of the health and safety of the public. The Commission's staff has determined that the proposed modification may represent a significant hazards consideration and an opportunity for public hearing should be afforded.

For further details with respect to this matter, see the application for amendment dated December 19, 1980, Supplement 6 to the application for a construction permit and operating license dated August 21, 1979, and Supplement 8 to the application for a construction permit and operating license dated December 30, 1980, which are 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, Fourth Street, Waynesboro,

Georgia 30830. As they become available, the following documents may be inspected at the above locations: (1) the supplement to the safety evaluation prepared by the Commission's staff, and (2) the Environmental Impact Statement, or Negative Declaration and Impact Appraisal.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



A. Schwencer, Chief
Licensing Branch No. 2
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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this 17th day of February 1981.