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Docket No. 50-321

Georgia Power Company

ATTN: Mr. I. S. Mitchell, III

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Gentlemen:

In response to your request of May 24, 1973, the Atomic Energy Commission has issued the enclosed order extending the completion date specified in Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-65 for construction of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1. The latest completion date has been extended to December 31, 1974. The earliest completion date is December 1, 1973. A copy of my memorandum to A. Giambusso setting forth the bases for this action is enclosed for your information.

The order will be published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Voss A. Moore

Voss A. Moore, Assistant Director
for Boiling Water Reactors
Directorate of Licensing

Enclosures:

1. Order Extending Completion Date
2. Memorandum from V. A. Moore to
A. Giambusso

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GEORGIA POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-321

ORDER EXTENDING COMPLETION DATE

Georgia Power Company is the holder of Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-65 issued by the Commission on September 30, 1969, for construction of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, a 2436 thermal megawatt boiling water nuclear reactor presently under construction at the Company's site on the south side of the Altamaha River in the northwestern sector of Appling County, Georgia, approximately eleven miles north of Baxley, Georgia, and about 75 miles west of Savannah.

On May 24, 1973, the Company filed a request for an extension of the completion date because construction has been delayed. It has been determined that the delay is due to several interdependent reasons which include (1) the Company's underestimation of the time required for designing and procuring the components of Unit 1; (2) a number of design changes due to the safety review and continuing evolution of safety requirements developed subsequent to the issuance of the construction permit; and (3) material and equipment delays due to stringent quality assurance requirements, additional inspections, and the repair of nozzle welds in the reactor pressure vessel subsequent to an onsite inspection. The Director of

Regulation having determined that this action involves no significant hazards considerations, and good cause having been shown, the bases for which are set forth in a memorandum dated June 28, 1973, from V. A. Moore to A. Giambusso:

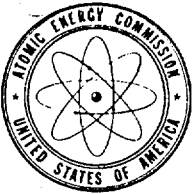
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the latest completion date for Construction Permit No. CPPR-65 is extended from July 1, 1973 to December 31, 1974, with the earliest completion date being December 1, 1973.

FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

A. Giambusso

A. Giambusso, Deputy Director
for Reactor Projects
Directorate of Licensing

Date of Issuance: JUN 28 1973



UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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A. Giambusso, Deputy Director for Reactor Projects, L

EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE FOR THE EDWIN I. HATCH
NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1

On May 24, 1973, the Georgia Power Company filed a request for an extension of the completion date for the construction of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1. The only modification proposed to the existing construction permit is an extension of the construction completion date which does not allow any work to be performed that is not already allowed by the existing construction permit. Therefore, the staff finds that this action does not involve any significant hazards considerations. Further, the staff finds that the delays in the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 construction were due to (1) the Company's underestimation of the time required for designing and procuring the components of Unit 1; (2) a number of design changes due to the safety review and continuing evolution of safety requirements developed subsequent to the issuance of the construction permit; and (3) material and equipment delays due to stringent quality assurance requirements, additional inspections, and the repair of nozzle welds in the reactor pressure vessel subsequent to an onsite inspection. We conclude that the above factors are reasonable and constitute good cause for the delay.

The Regulatory staff finds that prior public notice of an order authorizing the requested extension is not required since the action does not involve significant hazards considerations, and that good cause exists for the issuance of an order extending the completion date.

Accordingly, issuance of an order extending the latest completion date for the construction of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, as presently set forth in Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-65, to December 31, 1974 should be authorized. The order is to be effective on the date of issuance.

Voss A. Moore by J. H. 105

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