

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONGEORGIA POWER COMPANYOGLETHORPE POWER CORPORATIONMUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AUTHORITY OF GEORGIACITY OF DALTON, GEORGIADOCKET NOS. 50-321 AND 50-366DENIAL OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY OPERATINGLICENSES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by the licensee for amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5, issued to the Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and City of Dalton, Georgia (the licensee) for operation of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (the facility) located in Appling County, Georgia.

The denied amendments, as proposed by the licensee, would modify the Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications (TS) to add Limiting Conditions for Operation and surveillance requirements for the remote shutdown panel and would modify the TS for Unit 1 to add Limiting Conditions for Operation and surveillance requirements for the instrumentation that monitors components controlled from the remote shutdown panel.

The licensee's application for the amendments was published in the Federal Register on December 17, 1986 (51 FR 45200).

In response to NRC staff questions, the licensee indicated that discussions were underway between the Boiling Water Reactors (BWR) Owners' Group and the NRC staff regarding the possible removal of the remote shutdown panel from the generic BWR TS as a part of the TS Improvement Program.

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In view of this generic treatment of the issue, the requests were denied. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of this request by letter dated January 26, 1989.

By April 22, 1989 , the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above and any person whose interest may be affected by the proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for a hearing or 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, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555 and to Bruce W. Churchill, Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated October 24, 1986, and (2) the Commission's letter to Georgia Power Company dated January 26, 1989, which are available for public inspection at the commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Appling County Public Library, 301 City Hall Drive, Baxley, Georgia 31513. A copy of item (2) may be obtained upon request

addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555,
Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Projects I/II.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 23rd of March 1989.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence P. Crocker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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