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Sincerely,

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GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
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MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA
DOCKET NO. 50-321
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 202
License No. DPR-57

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. DPR-57 filed by the Georgia Power Company, acting for itself, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and City of Dalton, Georgia (the licensees), dated May 21, 1996, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

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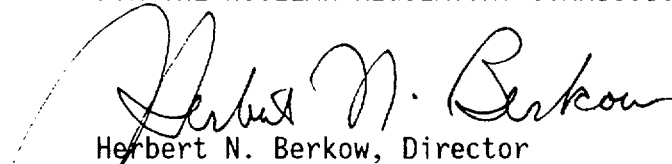
2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-57 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, as revised through Amendment No. 202, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Herbert N. Berkow, Director
Project Directorate II-2
Division of Reactor Projects - I/II
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:
Technical Specification
Changes

Date of Issuance: October 2, 1996

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 202

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-57

DOCKET NO. 50-321

Replace the following page of the Appendix "A" Technical Specifications with the enclosed page. The revised page is identified by Amendment number and contains vertical lines indicating the areas of change.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (continued)

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
<p>SR 3.5.2.2 Verify, for each required core spray (CS) subsystem, the:</p> <p> a. Suppression pool water level is \geq 146 inches; or</p> <p> b. -----NOTE----- Only one required CS subsystem may take credit for this option during OPDRVs. -----</p> <p> Condensate storage tank water level is \geq 13 ft.</p>	<p>12 hours</p>
<p>SR 3.5.2.3 Verify, for each required ECCS injection/spray subsystem, the piping is filled with water from the pump discharge valve to the injection valve.</p>	<p>31 days</p>
<p>SR 3.5.2.4 -----NOTE----- One LPCI subsystem may be considered OPERABLE during alignment and operation for decay heat removal if capable of being manually realigned and not otherwise inoperable. -----</p> <p> Verify each required ECCS injection/spray subsystem manual, power operated, and automatic valve in the flow path, that is not locked, sealed, or otherwise secured in position, is in the correct position.</p>	<p>31 days</p>

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CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA
DOCKET NO. 50-366
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 143
License No. NPF-5

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 2 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. NPF-5 filed by the Georgia Power Company, acting for itself, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and City of Dalton, Georgia (the licensees), dated May 21, 1996, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

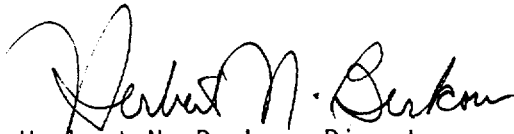
2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, as revised through Amendment No. 143 are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Attachment:
Technical Specification
Changes

Date of Issuance: October 2, 1996

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 143

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-5

DOCKET NO. 50-366

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 202 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-57
AND AMENDMENT NO. 143 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-5

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY, ET AL.

EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-321 AND 50-366

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated May 21, 1996, Georgia Power Company, et al. (the licensee), proposed license amendments to change the Technical Specifications (TS) for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The proposed changes would revise the condensate storage tank level indication to ensure that the water level is sufficient to provide 50,000 gallons of water for core spray makeup to the reactor pressure vessel. On September 24, 1996, based on a teleconference between the licensee and the NRC project manager, it was mutually agreed to change the requested implementation schedule from 90 days to 30 days.

Specifically, the changes would revise TS 3.5.2, ECCS - Shutdown, and its associated Bases, by changing Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.5.2.2.b. The change requires an increase in condensate storage tank (CST) water level from greater than or equal to 12 feet to greater than or equal to 13 feet for Unit 1. The change requirement on Unit 2 is an increase from greater than or equal to 12 feet to greater than or equal to 15 feet. This change ensures that at least 50,000 gallons of water are available for core spray (CS) makeup to the reactor pressure vessel (RPV). The licensee further proposes that the TS Bases for each unit be changed accordingly.

2.0 EVALUATION

The existing TS SR 3.5.2.2.b requires a CST level of greater than or equal to 12 feet. The basis for this requirement is that this level ensures that the CST system can supply at least 50,000 gallons of makeup water to the RPV.

Subsequent licensee analyses confirmed that a water level of 12 feet is not equivalent to the required capacity of 150,000 gallons of water. The Plant Hatch Unit 1 and Unit 2 CST configurations are different for both CSTs. In each CST, Core Spray suction is uncovered at the 100,000 gallon capacity. For Unit 1, this capacity is equivalent to a tank level of 9 feet and a tank level of 10 feet for Unit 2. To ensure that the CST system can supply at least 50,000 gallons of water for core spray makeup to the RPV, calculations indicate the correct level for the Unit 1 CST is 13 feet, and the correct level for the Unit 2 CST is 15 feet.

The change to the CST water level does not alter plant operation, and does not involve a physical modification to any structure, system, or component. The minimum CST water level for each unit is being increased to ensure that at least 50,000 gallons of water are provided above the top of the standpipe in each unit's CST and are available for CS makeup to the RPV. The TS Limiting Conditions for Operation (LCO) remain unaffected by the change that reflected the differences in the height of the CS suction standpipe within each CST, and the differences between Unit 1 and Unit 2 CST diameters.

Based on its review, the NRC staff finds that the proposed TS change to increase the CST level for Hatch Units 1 and 2 has no adverse impact on safety and does not pose an undue risk to public health and safety; therefore, it is acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Georgia State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendments. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change surveillance requirements. The NRC staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (61 FR 44358 dated August 28, 1996). Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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