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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY, INC.

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
OGLETHORPE POWER CORPORATION
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA

DOCKET NO. 50-321

EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT NO. 1

RENEWED FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-57

Renewed License No. DPR-57

1. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission), having previously made the findings set forth in License No. DPR-57 issued on August 6, 1974¹, has now reached the following findings:
 - A. The application to renew License No. DPR-57, filed by Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., on behalf of Georgia Power Company, the Oglethorpe Power Corporation, the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and the City of Dalton, Georgia, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I, and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made.
 - B. Actions have been identified and have been or will be taken with respect to (1) managing the effects of aging during the period of extended operation on the functionality of structures and components that have been identified to require review under 10 CFR 54.21(a)(1), and (2) time-limited aging analyses that have been identified to require review under 10 CFR 54.21(c), such that there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by this renewed license will
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1. Following the initial filing of the application for license, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and the City of Dalton, Georgia, became co-owners with Georgia Power Company (GPC) of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, and together are hereinafter referred to as the Owners.

continue to be conducted in accordance with the current licensing basis, as defined in 10 CFR 54.3, for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, and any changes made to the plant's current licensing basis in order to comply with 10 CFR 54.29(a) are in accord with the Act and the Commission's regulations.

- C. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission.
 - D. There is reasonable assurance that (1) the activities authorized by this renewed license can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Commission.
 - E. Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.² (herein called Southern Nuclear), is technically qualified and, together, Southern Nuclear and the Owners are financially qualified to engage in the activities authorized by this renewed license in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission.
 - F. The Owners have satisfied the applicable provisions of 10 CFR Part 140, "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements," of the Commission's regulations.
 - G. The renewal of this operating license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or the health and safety of the public.
 - H. After weighing the environmental, economic, technical, and other benefits of the facility against environmental costs, and considering available alternatives, the Commission concludes that the issuance of this Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-57 is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
 - I. The receipt, possession, and use of source, byproduct, and special nuclear material, as authorized by this renewed license, will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, including 10 CFR Sections 30.33, 40.32, 70.23, and 70.31.
2. On the basis of the foregoing findings regarding this facility, Facility Operating License No. DPR-57, issued on October 13, 1974, is superseded by Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-57, which is hereby issued to Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., and the Owners, to read as follows:

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2. Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. succeeds Georgia Power Company as operator of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1. Southern Nuclear is authorized by the Owners to exercise exclusive responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility.

- A. This renewed license applies to the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1, a direct-cycle, boiling-water reactor and associated equipment (the facility), owned by Georgia Power Company, the Oglethorpe Power Corporation, the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and the City of Dalton, Georgia, and operated by Southern Nuclear. The facility is located 11 miles north of Baxley, in Appling County, Georgia, and is described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended, and the Environmental Report, as supplemented and amended.
- B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Commission hereby licenses the following:
- (1) Southern Nuclear, pursuant to Section 104b of the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess, manage, use, maintain, and operate the facility at the designated location in Appling County, Georgia, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this renewed license
 - (2) Georgia Power Company, the Oglethorpe Power Corporation, the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and the City of Dalton, Georgia, pursuant to Section 104b of the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess, but not operate, the facility at the designated location in Appling County, Georgia, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license
 - (3) Southern Nuclear, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, to receive, possess, and use at any time, special nuclear material as reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation, as described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended
 - (4) Southern Nuclear, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, to receive, possess, and use at any time, any byproduct, source, and special nuclear material as sealed neutron sources for reactor startup, sealed sources for reactor instrumentation and radiation monitoring equipment calibration, and fission detectors in amounts as required
 - (5) Southern Nuclear, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, to receive, possess, and use in amounts as required, any byproduct, source or special nuclear material, without restriction to chemical or physical form, for sample analysis or instrument calibration, or associated with radioactive apparatus or components
 - (6) Southern Nuclear, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30 and 70, to possess, but not separate, such byproduct and special nuclear materials as may be produced by the operation of the facility.

C. This renewed license shall be deemed to contain, and is subject to, the conditions specified in the following Commission regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I: Part 20, Section 30.34 of Part 30, Section 40.41 of Part 40, Section 50.54 of Part 50, and Section 70.32 of Part 70; all applicable provisions of the Act and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect; and the additional conditions specified or incorporated below:

(1) Maximum Power Level

Southern Nuclear is authorized to operate the facility at steady-state reactor core power levels not to exceed 2,763 megawatts thermal.

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications (Appendix A) and the Environmental Protection Plan (Appendix B), as revised through Amendment No. 225, are hereby incorporated in the renewed license. Southern Nuclear shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

The Surveillance Requirement (SR) contained in the Technical Specifications and listed below, is not required to be performed immediately upon implementation of Amendment No. 195. The SR listed below shall be successfully demonstrated before the time and condition specified:

SR 3.8.1.18 shall be successfully demonstrated at its next regularly scheduled performance.

(3) Fire Protection

Southern Nuclear shall implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the fire protection program, which is referenced in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report for the facility, as contained in the updated Fire Hazards Analysis and Fire Protection Program for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, which was originally submitted by letter dated July 22, 1986. Southern Nuclear may make changes to the fire protection program without prior Commission approval only if the changes would not adversely affect the ability to achieve and maintain safe shutdown in the event of a fire.

(4) Physical Protection

Southern Nuclear shall fully implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the Commission-approved physical security, guard training and qualification, and safeguards contingency plans, including

amendments made pursuant to provisions of the Miscellaneous Amendments and Search Requirements revisions to 10 CFR 73.55 (51 FR 27817 and 27822) and the authority of 10 CFR 50.90 and 10 CFR 50.54(p). The plans are entitled "Edwin I. Hatch Physical Security Plan" (which contains Safeguards Information protected under 10 CFR 73.21), as revised; "Edwin I. Hatch Guard Training and Qualification Plan," as revised; and "Edwin I. Hatch Safeguards Contingency Plan," identified as Appendix D to the Physical Security Plan (which contains Safeguards Information protected under 10 CFR 73.21), as revised. Changes made in accordance with 10 CFR 73.55 shall be implemented in accordance with the schedule set forth therein.

(5) FSAR Supplement

The licensee's Final Safety Analysis Report Supplement, dated September 5, 2001, shall be included in the next Updated Final Safety Evaluation Analysis Report update, required by 10 CFR 50.71(e).

(6) Safety Analysis Report

The licensee's Final Safety Analysis Report Supplement, dated September 5, 2001, submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 54.21(d), describes certain future inspection activities to be completed before the period of extended operation begins. The licensee shall complete those activities no later than August 6, 2014.

(7) Integrated Surveillance Program

The licensee shall implement a staff-approved reactor vessel integrated surveillance program for the extended period of operation which satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR Part 54. Such a program will be implemented through a staff-approved Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project program or through a staff-approved plant-specific program. The plant specific program, if needed, will be developed in a manner that is consistent with other aging management programs, will include consideration of the 10 program attributes utilized for other aging management programs, and will provide a technical justification for any program attribute not covered by the plant-specific surveillance material testing program. The plant-specific program, if needed, will include the following actions:

- (a) Capsules will periodically be removed to determine the rate of embrittlement.
- (b) Capsules will be removed at neutron fluence levels that provide relevant data for assessing the integrity of the Plant Hatch, Unit 1 reactor pressure vessel (in particular, for the determination of

reactor pressure vessel pressure-temperature limits through the period of extended operation).

- (c) Capsules will contain material to monitor the impact of irradiation on the Plant Hatch Unit 1 reactor pressure vessel and will contain dosimetry to monitor neutron fluence.

Before the renewal term begins, the licensee will notify the NRC of its decision to implement the integrated surveillance program or a plant-specific program, and provide the appropriate revisions to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report Supplement summary descriptions of the vessel surveillance material testing program.

- D. Southern Nuclear shall not market or broker power or energy from Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1.
3. This renewed license is effective as of the date of issuance and shall expire at midnight, August 6, 2034.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Attachments:
Appendix A - Technical Specifications
Appendix B - Environmental Protection Plan

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