

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-321GEORGIA POWER COMPANY, ET AL.NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY  
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 77 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-57, issued to Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and City of Dalton, Georgia, which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1 (the facility) located in Appling County, Georgia.

This amendment was authorized by phone on July 2, 1980. It revises the Technical Specifications for the High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI) System to permit continued operation with an inoperable HPCI for up to 14 days. The amendment also adds a Limiting Condition for Operation to cover the situation where the demonstration of operability of the HPCI cannot be performed due to low reactor steam pressure. These changes conform the Hatch 1 specifications with current licensing practices. The urgency associated with this action was (1) to permit the licensee to conduct a diagnostic and repair program as directed by the Commission's Office of Inspection and Enforcement, and (2) the current specifications for Hatch 1 were defective since they did not cover the situation of startup without a demonstration of operability of the HPCI system.

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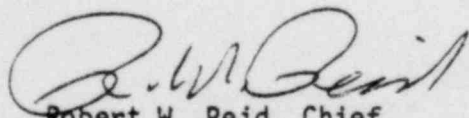
The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated July 2, 1980, (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated July 3, 1980, (3) Amendment No. 77 to License No. DPR-57, and (4) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. and at the Appling County Public Library, Parker Street, Baxley, Georgia 31513. A copy of items (2), (3) and (4) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 28th day of July 1980.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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