

November 22, 1989

Docket Nos. 50-348, 50-364
License Nos. NPF-2, NPF-8

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-348/89-26 AND 50-364/89-26)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by S. G. Tingen on October 2-6, 1989 and October 16-20, 1989, and to the related telephone conference on November 17, 1989. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Farley facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed Inspection Report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appeared to violate NRC requirements. The violations, references to pertinent requirements, and elements to be included in your response are described in the enclosed Notice of Violation.

On November 17, 1989, a telephone conference was conducted between Region II, NRR, Plant Vogtle, Plant Farley, Georgia Power Corporate and Alabama Power Corporate personnel. The topic of this conference was to discuss the November 15, 1989, memorandum from R. C. Jones to D. B. Matthews concerning the Vogtle (and Farley) Interpretation of Technical Specification (TS) 3.4.4 Limiting Condition for Operation, Relief Valves and its applicability. This memorandum is enclosed as Enclosure 3. Based on this conference it is our understanding that Plants Vogtle and Farley committed to conduct at power testing of the power operated relief valves (those not previously tested) on November 17, 1989. On November 17, 1989, this testing was performed satisfactorily.

The enclosure presents the NRR staff position that the satisfactory testing of the automatic function of the relief valves is required to prove that these relief valves are operable.

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Since the corrective actions for this issue have been fully discussed and were satisfactorily completed, a response to the Notice of Violation, Violation B, is not required.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and its enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
Albert F. Gibson

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
3. Memorandum from R. C. Jones to
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