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ATTENTION: Mr. James P. O'Reilly

Gentlemen:

Georgia Power Company (GPC) is committed to meet expeditiously the requirements of I&E Bulletin 79-01B. The subject of this letter is how GPC plans to handle spare/replacement parts until the qualification programs are completed and/or fully qualified components are received at Plant Hatch. This action is controlled at Plant Hatch as described by procedure number HNP-912.

For exact-kind replacement:

The component will be replaced with an exact-kind replacement using a component from the existing inventory. Following this action, the replacement component will be evaluated against NUREG-0588 requirements and justification for continued operation provided. This evaluation and justification will be filed in the "central" qualification record file as required by the bulletin.

For like-kind replacement:

The component will be replaced with a like-kind replacement provided the qualification data or an engineering release from the A/E is received on site prior to installation of the component. (Installed is taken to mean when the affected system and/or component is operable). The evaluation against NUREG-0588 and, if needed, the justification for continued operation will be forwarded to the site for filing in the "central" qualification file.

In both cases the site QC I&E Bulletin 79-01B coordinator or his designated alternate will obtain the proper qualification, evaluation, justification, or engineering release whenever replacement of any component in a class 1E safety-related system is required.

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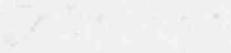
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If you have any further questions, please contact this office.

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