LER #: 50-321/1981-003 Licensee: Georgia Power Company Facility Name: Edwin I. Hatch Docket #: 50-321

## Narrative Report for LER 50-321/1981-003

With the unit at steady state 80% thermal power, 1956 MWt, a HPCI quickstart was to be performed for testing purposes (tune and reduce quickstart transient). When the test began the HPCI governor valves stuck in the 3/4 open position. The HPCI system isolated on a high dP trip. Redundant safety systems RCIC, core spray, ADS, LPCI, and RHR were all operable. There were no effects upon public health and safety due to this event.

The cause of the governor valves sticking open was one of the two lift rods (piece #58201, part #64 on vendor dwg. 66359E) was bent and galled.

The lift rod was bent by the lift rod fork connector (part #87087C) hitting the valve lever (part #74 on drawing 6639E) when the valves are 100% open. This interference restricted the movement of the form in the 100% open valve position and forced the lift rod away from its true travel plane causing it to bend. While the rod was bent it rubbed against the upper guide bushing (piece #58391, part #87 on vendor dwg. 66359E) and caused the surface to be galled.

These two conditions, bending and galling, caused the seizure of the lift rod and thus the stuck open valve condition.

The damaged lift rod was replaced, the upper guide bushing was honed to remove any burrs, and the area on the lift rod fork connector, where the interference occurred with the valve lever was ground away to allow freedom of movement for all valve positions.

This is a nonrepetitive occurrence and was reportable under Tech Specs section 6.9.1.9.b.

Unit 2 HPCI turbine was inspected for any similar interference and no indications of this were found.

The unit is now in full compliance, and no further reporting is required.