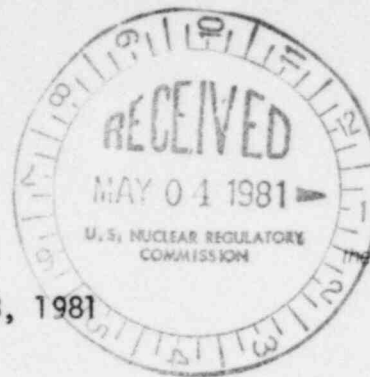


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ATTENTION: Mr. James P. O'Reilly

Gentlemen:

This letter confirms a recent telephone conversation with Mr. M. Fairtile (NRC) in which Georgia Power Company (GPC) requested and received permission to delay the scheduled installation of qualified limit switches and solenoids on Unit 1 during the current refueling outage. GPC has experienced difficulties in meeting replacement equipment installation commitments. Following is a brief discussion of the reason for the delay and GPC's new commitment for completing the installation.

During our continuing effort to ensure that equipment is installed in accordance with tested conditions, a problem was discovered with qualified installation of NAMCO limit switches. During engineering review, it was noticed that the test which qualifies NAMCO limit switches used a sealer to prevent moisture from entering the limit switch through the conduit connection. Subsequent investigation of this sealer revealed an extended delivery time and significant additional weight. The additional weight could conceivably have some adverse effect on the seismic qualification of the components. Thus, a suitable replacement was sought and found in a 3M product called "Scotch Cast 9". Duke Power has used this material and tested it to their plant conditions.

Most of the available documentation has been received by GPC and is being evaluated. Additionally, GPC believes that the sealing of the solenoid valve with this material, when approved, will greatly enhance the qualifications of the solenoid valves by preventing any moisture intrusion into the coil of the solenoid. Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., supplier of "Scotch Cast 9", and Raychem, supplier of required boots and stub connection kits, are unable to provide their products in time to support installation during the current outage.

GPC now commits to complete the replacement of Unit 1 limit switches and solenoids identified in its previous submittals in an expeditious manner as materials are available, but not to exceed the end of the next refueling outage or June 30, 1982, whichever comes first. Should any extended outages

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occur before these dates, we will install as many limit switches and/or solenoid valves as possible during the outage. It should be pointed out that the new commitment is in accordance with the requirements of the subject bulletin and that all previous justifications for limit switches and solenoids as submitted are still valid during this extended period. This new commitment will be reflected in a revision to GPC's response to I&E Bulletin 79-01B.

Should you have any questions, please contact this office.

W. A. Widner states that he is Vice President of Georgia Power Company and is authorized to execute this oath on behalf of Georgia Power Company, and that to the best of his knowledge and belief the facts set forth in this letter are true.

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY

By: W. A. Widner
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of April, 1981.

Mac H. Battle

Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large
My Commission Expires Sept. 20, 1983

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT 1

CORRESPONDENCE

1. W. A. Widner to James P. O'Reilly dated October 31, 1980 - Subject: I&E Bulletin 79-01B, November 1, 1980 response
2. W. A. Widner to James P. O'Reilly dated February 1, 1981 - Subject: I&E Bulletin 79-01B, February 1, 1981 response