

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONGEORGIA POWER COMPANY, ET AL.DOCKET NOS. 50-424 AND 50-425NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSESAND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by the Georgia Power Company, et al. (the licensee) for amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81 issued to the licensee for operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Burke County, Georgia. A Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment request was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on July 8, 1992 (57 FR 30249).

The proposed amendment request was to revise Technical Specifications (TS) 3/4.6.1.7 and 4.6.1.2f to allow for quarterly leak rate testing to be performed outside containment by pressurizing between the containment purge supply and exhaust isolation valves. This results in the inboard valves being pressure tested in the direction opposite that which would be pressurized during accident conditions.

The NRC staff has concluded that testing of the valves in the reverse direction will not provide equivalent or more conservative results than that required by Section III.C of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50, and that the request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by letter dated November 10, 1993.

By December 17, 1993, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555 by the above date.

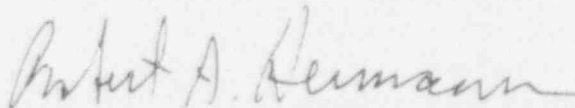
A copy of any petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Mr. Arthur H. Dombey, Troutman Sanders, NationsBank Plaza, Suite 5200, 600 Peachtree Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30308-2210, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated November 7, 1991, as revised June 17, 1992, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated November 10, 1993.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555, and at the local public document room located at the Burke County Public Library, 412 Fourth Street, Waynesboro, Georgia 30830. A copy of item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Document Control Desk.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of November 1993.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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