UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of GEORGIA PO^{PC} COMPANY (Vogtle Elect.ic Generating Plant, Units 1 & 2)

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ORDER

On March 24, 1994, the NRC staff filed a petition for review and/or motion for directed certification of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's order, LBP-94-06. The staff had earlier filed a motion for stay of the Board's directives in LBP-94-06, which is under active con⊾ eration by the Commission. T. Commission entered a "housekeeping" stay on March 17 to preserve the <u>status</u> <u>quo ante</u> while the staff's motion could be considered.

Under the usual circumstances, the Commission's rules provide the other parties 10 days to answer in support of or opposition to the staff's March 24 petition and, if the petition is granted, the rules normally contemplate a further opportunity to address the issues accepted for review. See 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.786((b)(3) & (d). However, strict adherence to that sequence of filings in these circumstances would not serve the parties' interests, because it would delay the Commission's resolution of these issues. Moreover, the parties' arguments regarding the merits of the staff's position on the issues for which review is sought have been substantially addressed by the answers to that staff's stay motion.

9403300077 940325 PDR ADOCK 05000424 G PDR Pursuant to my authority in 10 C.F.R. § 2.772 and in consideration of the unique circumstances presently before the Commission, the parties other than the staff may file an answer to the staff's petition for review by means that will ensure that the answer is received by the Office of the Secretary <u>by closs</u> of business (4:15 pm Eastern Time) on Wednesday, March 30, 1994. The answer may address any matter raised in the staff's petition with respect to either the propriety of Commission review or the merits of the staff's position on the issues. For purposes of this matter only, the page limitation set forth in section 2.786(b)(3) is suspended.

It is so ORDERED.



For the Commission

John C. Hoyle Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25⁴⁴ day of March 1994.

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In the Matter of

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY, ET AL.

Docket No.(s) 50-424/425-0LA-3

(Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing COMM ORDER RE STAFF PET FR RVW have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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