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GENERIC LETTER 90-03

Gentlemen:

On March 20, 1990, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 90-03, "Relaxation of Staff Position in Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2, Part 2, 'Vendor Interface for Safety-Related Components,'" to all power reactor licensees and applicants. The purpose of GL 90-03 was to clarify the NRC's position relative to Item 2.2, Part 2, of GL 83-28, "Required Actions Based on Generic Implications of Salem ATWS Events," issued July 8, 1983.

In GL 90-03, the NRC requested licensees to "confirm that they have examined their vendor interface programs, that their programs either already include both of the elements set out in this letter or that the elements have been scheduled for implementation." Georgia Power Company has reviewed GL 90-03, and a response to each of the elements set forth in the GL is provided in the enclosure to this letter.

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

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1990.

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ENCLOSURE

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GENERIC LETTER 90-03, RELAXATION OF STAFF POSITION IN  
GENERIC LETTER 83-28, ITEM 2.2 PART 2,  
VENDOR INTERFACE FOR SAFETY-RELATED COMPONENTS

NRC Position

The original NRC position stated in Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2, Part 2, regarding vendor interface programs reads as follows:

"For vendor interface, licensees and applicants shall establish, implement and maintain a continuing program to ensure that vendor information for safety-related components is complete, current and controlled throughout the life of their plants, and is appropriately referenced or incorporated in plant instructions and procedures. Vendors of safety-related equipment should be contacted and an interface established. Where vendors cannot be identified, have gone out of business, or will not supply information, the licensee or applicant shall assure that sufficient attention is paid to equipment maintenance, replacement, and repair, to compensate for the lack of vendor backup, to assure reliability commensurate with its safety function (GDC-1). The program shall be closely coupled with action 2.2.1 (equipment classification). The program shall include periodic communication with vendors to assure that all applicable information has been received. The program should use a system of positive feedback with vendors for mailings containing technical information. This could be accomplished by licensee acknowledgment for receipt of technical mailings. It shall also define the interface and division of responsibilities among the licensee and the nuclear and non-nuclear divisions of their vendors that provide service on safety-related equipment to assure that requisite control of and applicable instructions for maintenance work on safety-related equipment are provided."

On March 20, 1990, the NRC issued GL 90-03 to provide a revised staff position for meeting the requirements established by GL 83-28, Item 2.2, Part 2. In GL 90-03, the NRC concludes that an adequate vendor interface program should include:

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VENDOR INTERFACE FOR SAFETY-RELATED COMPONENTS

- "(a) A program with the NSSS vendor as described in the VETIP, which covers all the safety-related components within the NSSS scope of supply. This program should include provisions for assuring receipt by the licensee/applicant of all technical information provided by the NSSS vendor; and
- (b) A program of periodic contact with the vendors of other key safety-related components not included in (a) above."

GPC Response

I. Program with NSSS Vendor

Prior to the receipt of GL 90-03, GPC developed a vendor equipment technical information program (VETIP) with General Electric (GE), the NSSS supplier for Plant Hatch, consistent with the Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee (NUTAC) report. The Plant Hatch VETIP program consists of the following activities and information systems that address safety-related components within the NSSS scope of supply.

- A. The Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) Significant Event Evaluation and Information Network (SEE-IN) program which encompasses the Nuclear Plant Reliability Data System (NPRDS) and the Nuclear Network.
- B. Routine utility and vendor interchange.
- C. Utility and regulatory interchange.

GPC has established procedures to ensure the Nuclear Network entries are retrieved, reviewed for applicability to Plant Hatch, and forwarded for action, if appropriate. GPC has also established programs and procedures to ensure the dispositioning of technical information transmitted by GE to GPC. GE provides technical information through service information letters (SILs), rapid communication service information letters (RCSILs), technical information letters (TILs), service advisory letters (SALs), and potentially reportable conditions (PRC) letters. Appropriate procedures will be revised by January 1, 1991, to require receipt acknowledgment of technical information provided by GE.

The program described above also provides for the receipt and dispositioning of updates to instruction and maintenance manuals, and technical information bulletins which may be issued by the NSSS vendor.



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GPC is in the process of establishing an additional contact program, with GE, which will assure specified vendors within the NSSS scope of supply are contacted to obtain any pertinent information issued by the vendor in the preceding year. The contact program will provide for the review, disposition, and receipt acknowledgment of technical information received. The program will be developed and initiated by January 1, 1991.

II. Periodic Contact with Vendors of Other Key Safety-Related Components

GPC is also in the process of establishing a contact program with vendors of key safety-related components which are outside the NSSS scope of supply. GPC is developing a list of key safety-related components outside the NSSS scope of supply, such as the diesel generators, batteries, battery chargers, inverters, pumps, and valve operators. The rationale for component selection will be documented and retained in plant records.

The program will include provisions for contacting the vendors of the key safety-related components on an annual basis by telephone to ensure GPC has received any pertinent information issued by the vendor in the preceding year. The periodic contact will be made by GPC, GE, Southern Company Services, or Bechtel Power Corporation, and the results of the conversations will be formally documented. Appropriate procedures will be revised to include provisions and guidance for periodic contact with vendors of safety-related components outside the NSSS scope of supply. This program will be developed and initiated by March 31, 1991.

The existing formal contact programs previously developed with GE, combined with the program for establishing periodic contact with vendors of key safety-related components outside the NSSS scope of supply, assure the elements of Generic Letter 90-03 are met.