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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: VOGTLE WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE - VOGTLE UNIT 2

This letter confirms the telephone conversation between Mr. C. McCoy of your staff and Messrs. E. Merschoff and K. Brockman of my staff on October 14, 1990, granting a Regional Waiver of Compliance for Vogtle Unit 2. Our action was based on your written request issued on October 15, 1990.

Technical Specification (TS) 3.9.8.1 requires that at least one residual heat removal (RHR) train be operable and in operation during Mode 6. A waiver of this requirement was requested to allow Georgia Power Company (GPC) to perform Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) flow measurement surveillances in accordance with TS 4.5.2.h.3. GPC requested a waiver of compliance from TS 3.9.8.1 for up to one hour per eight hour period until an ECCS flow measurement surveillance could be completed.

As compensatory action GPC ensured that Reactor Coolant System temperature was less than 115 degrees Fahrenheit, that both trains of RHR were operable, and that water level in the reactor cavity was at least 23 feet above the reactor vessel flange, prior to commencing the test. In addition, TS 3.9.8.1 already contains a footnote which allows the RHR train to be removed from operation for up to one hour per eight hour period during the performance of core alterations in the vicinity of the reactor vessel hot legs.

This waiver of compliance was granted for one hour per eight hour period until ECCS flow measurement surveillances could be completed. This was a one-time waiver of compliance based on the justification provided in our conversations on October 14, 1990, and documented in your request letter dated October 15, 1990.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

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