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BEFORE THE

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

DOCKET NOS. 50-424-OLA-3 and 50-425-OLA-3

IN THE MATTER OF:

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY, et al,

(VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT
UNITS 1 and 2),

DEPOSITION

of

WILLIAM B. SHIPMAN

AUGUST 5, 1994

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

50-424-OLA-3
50-425-OLA-3

Docket No. 10
In the matter of Georgia Power Vgtle 152

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Applicant ☒ Intervenor ☒ Com'g Offr ☒ Contractor ☒ Other ☒ Reporter ☒

DATE 1-6-95
W. Allen Moskowitz

TAKEN BEFORE: Laura H. Nichols
Registered Professional
Reporter and Notary Public

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1 A. -- as opposed to a daily
2 meeting?

3 Q. Correct.

4 A. No.

5 Q. Do you recall typically that a
6 Monday morning staff meeting was held?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And this was a Monday morning
9 staff meeting of the SONOPCO Project?

10 A. It was a Monday morning staff
11 meeting -- if I understand the one you
12 are referring to, it was a Monday morning
13 staff meeting of the vice-presidents and
14 the senior executive officers.

15 Q. Okay. And this would be the
16 vice-presidents of all three nuclear
17 plants?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And in addition to yourself and
20 the vice-presidents, who else attended?

21 A. I did not attend.

22 Q. Is there any reason you did not
23 attend?

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1 A. I was not invited. It was a
2 meeting for the vice-presidents and the
3 senior executives, senior executives
4 staff meeting.

5 Q. Now, there would also be a
6 morning call; is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And were you typically in
9 attendance at the morning calls from the
10 plant?

11 A. There was a morning call each
12 morning, and, yes, I was typically in
13 attendance.

14 Q. Can you tell me in the last
15 thirty days how many of those days you
16 have been into work?

17 A. In the last thirty days?
18 Counting today, probably eight or nine
19 days; I am not sure -- I would have to
20 look at the calendar -- at least part of
21 the day.

22 Q. Are you still performing your
23 job function, or is there someone else

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1 day, correct, briefing Mr. Farley?

2 A. This is my short-term memory
3 jogger and --

4 Q. Okay. And why would Mr. Farley
5 be briefed at the end of the day on April
6 19th?

7 A. I don't have the faintest idea
8 now. I read this note probably different
9 than you do. I read this note that Mr.
10 Hairston is going to brief Mr. Farley and
11 that Mr. McCoy wants to have an employee
12 meeting after that. What the subject
13 was, I don't know.

14 Q. And why would Mr. Hairston want
15 to brief Mr. Farley?

16 A. Mr. Hairston reported to Mr.
17 Farley.

18 Q. At this time frame?

19 A. Through Mr. McDonald.

20 Q. Excuse me?

21 A. Through Mr. McDonald.

22 Q. On April 19, 1990?

23 A. I believe that is correct.

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1 Q. I am going to ask you to look
2 at page 15160. And if you see, the date
3 is 5/21/90, and then on 15161, it picks
4 up on 5/24/90.

5 Do you recall whether your
6 notes would have included the days that
7 were missing?

8 A. This note pad is a thing that I
9 attempt to carry with me wherever I
10 went. Sometimes it got lost. You know,
11 I don't know what happened between 5/21
12 and 5/25. That may be a weekend. I
13 don't know. Do you know?

14 MR. KOHN: Not off the top of
15 my head.

16 MR. HENDRIX: It is not in
17 there. There's not a calendar in there.

18 A. But it is not unusual, you will
19 find, I think, throughout that thing
20 missing days, sometimes several, while my
21 notebook is missing and I am looking for
22 it.

23 Q. All right. I am going to ask

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1 you to turn to 15168. And you see
2 there's the last entry is Hatch unit
3 one. Do you see that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. On the last hand column and on
6 top it say. Mr. Farley's staff meeting?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What staff meeting are you
9 referring to?

10 A. That should have been A Monday
11 morning staff meeting that we discussed
12 earlier that Mr. Farley holds.

13 Q. Okay. And then underneath
14 this, it says NOUE declared at 1:38 P.M.
15 Notice of unusual event, is that what
16 that stands for?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you recollect that this
19 refers to a fire that occurred --

20 A. I don't --

21 Q. -- or that there was smoking?

22 A. -- recollect the event at all.

23 I can reconstruct from what is written

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