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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Attention: Mr. John F. Stolz, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4  
Division of Licensing  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

NRC DOCKETS 50-321, 50-366  
OPERATING LICENSES DPR-57, NPF-5  
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1, 2  
NUREG-0737 ITEM II.E.4.2(7), PURGE AND VENT VALVE ISOLATION

Gentlemen:


In your August 1, 1984 letter it was noted that Georgia Power Company (GPC) had committed to the submittal of Technical Specifications for the subject item but had not done so. It was also noted that the NUREG-0737 requirements had been established for a "long time" and that the NRC staff sought their timely implementation. GPC was requested to submit the appropriate Technical Specifications within 30 days of receipt of your letter (if the modifications were complete).

GPC wishes to respond to the comments made in your letter. Concerning establishment of the requirements, the BWR Owners Group took exception to Item II.E.4.2(7) shortly after NUREG-0737 was issued. This item was the subject of considerable discussion, and it was not until your letter of July 29, 1983 was issued that the final requirements were established. With respect to GPC's commitment, it was proposed in our August 31, 1983 letter that the required modifications be implemented during the scheduled 1985 refueling outages. Approval of this proposal was granted by the NRC letter dated September 29, 1983. The GPC letter of April 10, 1984 provided a detailed description of the intended modifications and the Technical Specification revisions which would be submitted following implementation.

Although GPC is not obligated to do so until the 1985 outage, we have recently completed the modifications to Hatch Unit 2. Appropriate revisions to the Unit 2 Technical Specifications are expected to be submitted by

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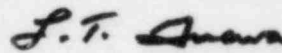
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September 5, 1984. The Unit 1 modifications will likely be completed during the scheduled Fall 1984 refueling outage. It is our intent to submit revisions to Unit 1 Technical Specifications following completion of the modifications.

Please contact this office if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,



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