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Georgia Power Company ATTN: Mr. R. J. Kelly Executive Vice President P. O. Box 4545 Atlanta, GA 30302

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: VENT HEADER CRACK AT EDWIN I. HATCH UNIT 2

At the request of NRC, pieces of the Hatch Unit 2 cracked vent header pipe were supplied to Brookhaven National Laboratory for metallurgical failure analysis.

The enclosed report (BNL-NUREG-34709) is provided for your information. The report supports your conclusion that the failure was a brittle failure probably caused by impingement of torus inerting nitrogen on the vent header.

We appreciate your cooperation in furnishing us pieces of the material for analysis.

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Enclosure: BNL-NUREG-34709

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