OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Georgia Power Company

(Vogtle Electric Generating Plant)

PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF VIOLATION TO Subject:

UNLICENSED INDIVIDUALS

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation will be issued on or about May 28, 1992 to two unlicensed individuals employed at Georgia Power Company's Vogtle Electric Generating Pic. t, Waynesboro, GA. These Severity Level IV violations are being issued under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.5, Deliberate Misconduct (Wrongdoer Rule). The two individuals are employed as Instrument and Control (I&C) Technicians and on January 28, 19 2, they were assigned to perform a surveillance procedure on the Reactor Protection System (RPS). While performing the procedure they noted a bistable out of calibration and thereafter one Technician deliberately adjusted the bystable even though he knew that the method was not procedurally correct and then the other technician fabricated the calibration data to indicate the correct procedure was followed. The licensee identified this incident when control room operators noted continuing problems with the specific RPS channel that was adjusted and another I&C crew subsequently checked the system and found that data entered for the previous calibration was inaccurate. When the technicians who performed the work on January 28th were confronted by their supervisor, they admitted what had been done. The licensee has taken disciplinary action against the individuals. In addition, the licensee is being issued a Notice of Violation citing two Severity Level IV violations against TS 6.7.1a and 10 CFR 50.9 in connection with this matter.

The individuals are not required to respond as the staff has obtained all relevant information in this matter as a result of interviews and enforcement conferences that were conducted separately with each individual and the licensee. During the individual conference, the technicians each accepted personal responsibility for their actions.

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