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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. John F. Stolz, Chief
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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), HIGH RADIATION ISOLATION OF
CONTAINMENT PURGE AND VENT VALVES

Gentlemen:

Your letter dated October 23, 1984 transmitted the NRC staff's updated safety evaluation of the NUREG-0737 Item II.E.4.2(7), High Radiation Isolation of Containment Purge and Vent Valves. The staff's revised position appears to require that a high radiation isolation signal be provided for all containment purge and vent lines. This requirement differs substantially from the previous NRC staff position that the isolation signal was only necessary for valves in lines larger than three inches in diameter, as stated in your letter dated October 14, 1981 and referenced in your letter dated May 31, 1983.

Due to the significance of this change, and because this NUREG-0737 item was previously addressed generically, Georgia Power Company (GPC) feels that the BWR Owners Group should resolve the questions raised by the revised NRC staff position through direct communication with the NRC. The BWR Owners Group is undertaking such a course of action and GPC will be a participant in this Owners Group effort. Further plant specific resolution of the issue, if required as a result of the generic effort, will be addressed after the completion of the Owners Group effort.

Please contact this office if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,

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