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Gentlemen:

VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RELATED TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3.6.3

By letter dated May 3, 1991, (ELV-02711) Georgia Power Company (GPC) proposed an amendment to the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications (TS). Specifically, TS 3.6.3, as it relates to the containment isolation valves for the containment hydrogen monitors, would be revised to allow these isolation valves to be opened on an intermittent basis under administrative control to facilitate required surveillance testing. By letter dated August 19, 1991, (ELV-03012) GPC proposed to revise the bases for TS 3.6.3 to state that an operator will be available in the main control room to ensure rapid isolation, if necessary. Furthermore, by letter dated October 11, 1991, (ELV-03137) GPC described the procedural controls which will ensure that the subject isolation valves are closed in a timely manner in the event that a containment isolation is required.

On July 8, 1992, during a telephone conversation with the NRC staff, GPC was asked to clarify that the subject isolation valves would be closed in the event that it becomes necessary to discontinue an operation for which the valves were opened. In the event that an operation for which the valves were opened cannot be completed, the applicable procedures will contain a cautionary note to ensure that the subject valves are closed.

Sincerely,

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