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SUBJECT:

HYDROLOGIC EVALUATION OF POSTULATED MILLETT FAULT

NEAR VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT

I have completed my review of pertinent sections of the report "Studies of Postulated Millett Fault", by Bechtel, October 1982. The USGS postulated a fault near the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant and used, as part of their case, several hydrologic arguments to support the existence of the postulated fault. These arguments were thoroughly investigated by the contractor, Bechtel, who was engaged by Georgia Power Company. The issues of different unit base flows in river reaches (generally above and below the postulated fault), water well levels across the postulated fault, and ground water piezometric surface contours were addressed by their study. I carefully reviewed all the contractor's hydrologic evaluations and concur in their conclusion that the hydrologic data provide "no basis to support or preclude the existence of a fault".

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