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PLANT HATCH - UNITS 1, 2
NRC DOCKETS 50-321, 50-366
OPERATING LICENSES DPR-57, NPF-5
REQUEST TO REVISE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:
RELOCATION OF ALTERNATE EOF

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(g), Georgia Power Company (GPC) hereby proposes a change to the Plant Hatch Emergency Plan (EP). This change involves the relocation of the alternate Emergency Operations Facility (EOF) from the GPC Operating Office in Baxley, Georgia to the Plant Hatch Emergency News Center (ENC) complex in Vidalia, Georgia.

The EOF at Plant Hatch is located in the Simulator Building within the Owner-Controlled Area. Therefore, as specified in NUREG-0696, the alternate EOF is required to be located between 10 and 20 miles from the Technical Support Center (TSC). The alternate EOF is currently located approximately 11 miles from the TSC within the GPC Operating Office in Baxley, Georgia. GPC is proposing to relocate the alternate EOF to the Plant Hatch Emergency News Center (ENC) complex in Vidalia, Georgia, which is approximately 21 miles from the TSC.

The change in location of the alternate EOF requires a revision to Section II of the Plant Hatch EP. This change does not constitute a decrease in the effectiveness of the EP. However, since the distance between the TSC and the proposed location for the alternate EOF is greater than the distance specified in NUREG-0696, Table 2, GPC is submitting a request for approval of this change prior to implementation.

The decision to relocate the alternate EOF is based on the following major improvement considerations:

1. Increased space availability - The proposed location for the alternate EOF provides a larger, more cohesive work space than does the current location. This will allow for an integrated working arrangement for GPC, State of Georgia, and NRC personnel.

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2. Decreased activation time - Even though the proposed location is farther from the primary EOF, this change is expected to result in a net reduction in the amount of time necessary to bring the alternate EOF to a state of operational readiness. Activation of the alternate EOF at the current location requires transportation of all necessary equipment, documentation, status boards, and supplies from the primary EOF to the alternate EOF. Since the current location normally serves as the Baxley GPC Operating Office, this work space must be rearranged in order to be used as the Plant Hatch alternate EOF. The proposed location will be dedicated for us as the alternate EOF, allowing it to be permanently set up to serve in this capacity. Ample space will be available for storage or installation of status boards and necessary equipment and supplies. As a result, less time will be required for evacuation of the primary EOF, loading and unloading of equipment, and arrangement of the alternate EOF.
3. Improved communications - The Plant Hatch ENC complex currently serves as the State of Georgia's Forward Emergency Operations Center as well as the Hatch ENC. Moving the alternate EOF to this same location will enhance communications between GPC and state and local authorities. The flow of information to the ENC, and subsequently to the media and the public, will also be improved.

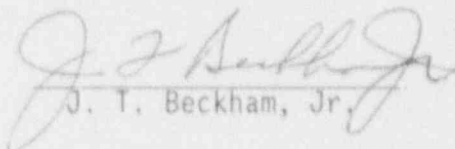
By letter dated August 12, 1992, GPC informed the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) of the proposal to relocate the alternate EOF. GEMA responded by letter dated August 21, 1992, indicating they "strongly support" the proposed change.

The enclosure to this letter provides page change instructions for incorporating the proposed changes. Following the enclosure are the proposed EP pages and the associated markups of the existing pages.

Mr. J. T. Beckham, Jr. states he is duly authorized to execute this oath on behalf of Georgia Power Company, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the facts set forth in this letter are true.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of September 1992.

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Notary Public

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Enclosure:

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