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Docket Nos: 50-424
and 50-425

APPLICANT: Georgia Power Company

FACILITY: Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE DISCUSSION REGARDING TRANSMISSION LINE
CROSSING AT EBENEZER CREEK SWAMP

On September 27, 1984, about 10:00 a.m., I called W. Bowers to inform him of a position taken by the NRC staff regarding the proposed plan and alternative routing studies in the Company's submittal of August 24, 1984, for the Vogtle to Effingham transmission line crossing at Ebenezer Creek Swamp, a Natural National Landmark and scenic river area. The position is that the line should not cross Ebenezer Creek any closer to its confluence with the Savannah River than the area proposed in the Company's letter of August 24, 1984 as alternative "A" (near State Road S 953). The staff finds that the additional costs identified by the Company for alternative routings are relatively modest in comparison to the significant environmental benefits associated with alternative routing. The significant benefits of rerouting are primarily that it avoids (1) the cutting of virgin trees, (2) construction impacts to erect one tower inside the landmark boundary, and (3) further visual intrusion of the "natural" area. I noted that this staff position is consistent with that taken by the U.S. Department of Interior, September 24, 1984. I further stated that the staff's DES containing this position would be published and forwarded October 5, 1984, as scheduled.

Mr. Bowers noted that the Company has continued developing the details of its proposed measures to mitigate potential adverse environmental impacts associated with its plan to cross through the Landmark. He requested that the DES be deferred to provide the Company an opportunity to meet with the staff to provide this additional information.

I agreed to schedule such a meeting at the earliest opportunity.

[Post Script: The meeting was scheduled for October 3, 1984, Bethesda, Maryland]

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