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Docket No. 50-321

October 31, 1984

Mr. J. T. Beckham, Jr. Vice President - Nuclear Generation Georgia Power Company P. O. Box 4545 Atlanta, Georgia 30302

Dear Mr. Beckham:

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF MARK I CONTAINMENT MODIFICATION COMPLETION SCHEDULE FOR HATCH UNIT 1

By letter dated September 10, 1984 (NED 84-479), Georgia Power Company requested an extension of the Order imposed completion dates for plant modifications needed on Hatch Unit 1 for compliance with the Commission's Acceptance Criteria for the Mark I Containment Long-Term Program. The requested extension represents a delay of approximately one year in completing the needed modification.

It is the Staff's view that since your September 10, 1984 request seeks to alter the terms of your license by extending a required completion date, it should be handled by an application for amendment in accordance with 10 CFR 50.90-92. Therefore, we are not taking formal action on your request at this time.

However, we would note, based on the information provided by your letter of Spetember 10, 1984 and in subsequent conversation with your staff, we are not likely to grant an extension of the currently required completion date.

Aside from Hatch Unit 1, only two of the 22 operating nuclear power plant units with Mark I containments have not completed the needed modifications. Those two units will have completed these modifications prior to restart from current outages.

Sincerely,

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We are unable, based on the information provided by your letter of September 10, 1988 or in subsequent conversations with your staff, to justify granting an extension to the currently required completion date. Accordingly, your requested extension of the completion date for the modifications needed to provide compliance with the Acceptance Criteria for the Mark I Containment Long Term Program is denied.

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