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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT
LICENSE AMENDMENTS APPLICATION
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR TO BECOME THE LICENSED OPERATOR

Georgia Power Company, as holder of the licenses for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP), Units 1 and 2, for itself and on behalf of the Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and City of Dalton, Georgia, (the Owners), hereby submits the enclosed application for amendment of Facility Operating license Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5 for HNP Units 1 and 2, respectively. This application requests Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval for Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (Southern Nuclear) to become operator for HNP and to have exclusive responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility. Georgia Power Company is the current operator of the facility. When the license amendments are issued, the Owners will remain on the HNP Units 1 and 2 licenses as licensed owners and will continue to own the assets of the facility in the same respective percentages as before the license amendments.

Georgia Power Company and Southern Nuclear are wholly owned subsidiaries of The Southern Company. Southern Nuclear was formed in December 1990 for the purpose of consolidating into a single organization personnel within the Southern electric system engaged in nuclear operations, in order to achieve a higher degree of performance. The proposed license amendments involve no change in plant ownership or entitlement to electric power, and no significant change in nuclear personnel or support organizations. When these amendments become effective, the on-site nuclear generation organization will be transferred intact to Southern Nuclear.

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On November 22, 1991, the NRC approved a similar application and issued associated amendments for Southern Nuclear to become the licensed operator for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. Southern Nuclear assumed operating responsibility for the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant facility on December 23, 1991.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.4, the signed original of the application to Amend Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5 is enclosed.

Attachment A to the enclosed application contains a signed certificate of concurrence from Southern Nuclear Operating Company providing Southern Nuclear concurrence in and support of the filing of this amendment by Georgia Power Company.

Attachment B to the enclosed application contains the required significant hazards consideration evaluation pursuant to 10 CFR 50.92. Based on the analysis provided, Georgia Power Company has determined that the proposed changes to the operating licenses (including Appendices A and B to the operating licenses) will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Accordingly, it has been concluded that the proposed changes do not constitute a significant hazards consideration.

Attachment C to the enclosed application contains the proposed changes to the operating licenses (including Appendices A and B to the operating licenses) necessary for Southern Nuclear to become the exclusive operator of HNP. Also included in Attachment C are the proposed operating licenses, the proposed technical specifications changed pages and the proposed environmental technical specifications changed pages.

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this letter and all applicable enclosures will be sent to Mr. J. D. Tanner of the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Georgia Power Company requests that the NRC complete their review and approval process of this application within 60 days of the date of this letter. In addition to the NRC approval, other activities must be completed before Southern Nuclear will be ready to become the exclusive licensed operator of HNP. Accordingly, Georgia Power Company requests that

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these license amendments be made effective as of their date of issuance with the provision that the license conditions be implemented within 180 days of the date of issuance and upon the official transfer of responsibilities between Georgia Power Company and Southern Nuclear. Georgia Power Company will separately notify the NRC at such time as all other requirements have been satisfied and Southern Nuclear is ready to become the licensed operator of HNP. This is expected to occur within 60 days after NRC approval of this application.

Sincerely,



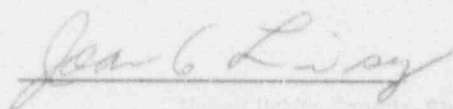
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Enclosure

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 16th day of September, 1992.

Notary Public



Notary Public, Georgia, State of Georgia
Commission Expires 6-27-94

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State of Georgia
Mr. J. D. Tanner, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources