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PLANT VOGTLE - UNIT 1  
NRC DOCKET 50-424  
OPERATING LICENSE NPF-68  
WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED REVISION  
TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3.2.2

Gentlemen:

On May 19, 1988, Georgia Power Company (GPC) proposed to amend Specification 3.2.2 of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Unit 1 Technical Specifications, Appendix A to Operating License NPF-68. GPC hereby withdraws that request for reasons discussed herein.

On January 27, 1988, GPC learned of new information related to the effect of the "as built" containment spray system flowrates upon the peak clad temperature calculated as part of the FSAR large break LOCA analysis. To address this new information, GPC committed in letters SL-4072 and SL-4065 dated January 29, 1988, to operate Unit 1 with an administratively controlled value for the Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor  $F_Q(z)$  of 2.25 and requested a temporary exemption from compliance with 10CFR50.46. The NRC response contained in your March 10, 1988 letter, requested that GPC propose an amendment to Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Technical Specifications to incorporate the revised  $F_Q$  limit (i.e. 2.25). The NRC's letter also stated that a license amendment request to change  $F_Q$  back to 2.30 at 100% power should be submitted when an analysis had been completed using the increased containment flowrate.

The proposed change to the Technical Specifications was made by our letter SL-4442 on May 19, 1988, and is currently being reviewed by the NRC. Since that time, an analysis has been completed which included the increased containment flowrate. This analysis confirmed the acceptability of an  $F_Q$  value of 2.30 at 100% power. A report on this analysis will be submitted for NRC review and concurrence in early September, 1988.

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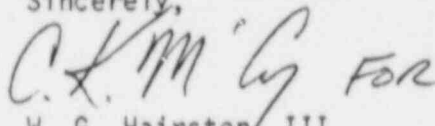
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On the basis of this analysis, Georgia Power Company hereby withdraws the proposed change to the Technical Specification 3.2.2 contained in its letter SL-4442. During fuel cycle 1, Georgia Power Company will continue to operate Plant Vogtle using an FQ of 2.25 until the NRC has completed its review of the revised analysis.

In accordance with 10CFR50.91, Mr. J.L. Ledbetter of the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources will be sent a copy of this letter.

If you have questions or comments in this regard, please contact this office.

Sincerely,  
  
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