



Southern Nuclear Operating Company

the southern electric system

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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Reply to Notice of Violation Report Number 50-364/92-20

Gentlemen:

The subject Notice of Violation was issued on August 7, 1992. By letter dated September 18, 1992, Southern Nuclear Operating Company responded to the violation and by letter dated November 4, 1992, the Staff reaffirmed the violation. The staff required a written response within 20 days documenting the specific corrective actions taken and any additional action planned to prevent recurrence. More particularly, this letter states:

We have reviewed your response and the applicable procedures and conclude that your procedures are in conflict. EIP 26 identifies the commercial telephone system as the backup notification system; however, procedure GO-EIP-139 and FNP-0-EIP-8 require establishing a tie between the Southern Company Services teleconferencing bridge network and the Emergency Notification Network (ENN). Your statement regarding the intent of establishing "the bridge" and your conflicting procedures indicate a need to revise your procedures to clearly state their intent and to eliminate conflicting instructions. Accordingly, the violation is reaffirmed.

Southern Nuclear agrees that GO-EIP-139 and FNP-0-EIP-8 require establishing a tie between the Southern Company Services teleconferencing bridge network and the ENN should one or more ENN stations fail. However, the guidance in these two procedures requiring establishment of the backup bridge network is not applicable for initial notification. FNP-0-EIP-26 clearly establishes the commercial telephone as the alternative for the ENN during initial notification. The guidance in EIP-139 and EIP-8

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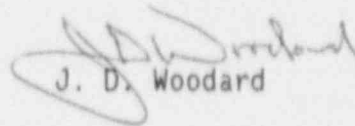
applies once the parties of the ENN establish communication and one or more ENN stations fail.

As such, no conflict exists in the procedures. However, to resolve this issue the procedures have been revised to clarify further when the bridge is to be used.

If there are any questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

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