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By letters dated July 28, 1983 and May 21, 1984, Georgia Power Company committed to modify the Hatch Unit 1 and 2 automatic depressurization system (ADS) logic by eliminating the high drywell pressure permissive and adding a manual inhibit switch. This modification was found acceptable by the staff in its Safety Evaluation enclosed in its letter of June 3, 1983. In its May 21, 1984 letter, GPC also committed to complete the modifications by the end of the 1985 refueling outage for both Hatch units. Subsequently, by letter dated August 23, 1985, GPC informed us that it was reconsidering its commitment to install the manual ADS inhibit switch "because it is not necessary to satisfy the criteria of Item II.K.3.18 and because GPC considers it essential to coordinate all ATWS modifications and procedure changes." Recently, by letter dated February 28, GPC informed us that GPC does plan to install the inhibit switch; proposed a new schedule for its installation and requested NRC approval of the proposed schedule.

Specifically, GPC proposed to complete installation of the inhibit switch during the Spring 1987 refueling outage for Hatch Unit 1 and during the Spring 1988 refueling outage for Hatch Unit 2. This schedule is the same as that approved by NRC for the ATWS modifications and is acceptable for installation of the inhibit switches associated with NUREG-0737 Item II.K.3.18.

Sincerely,

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