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Dear Mr. Beckham:

By letter dated May 6, 1985, Georgia Power Company (GPC) proposed that the modifications designed to reduce level indication errors caused by high drywell temperature be completed on Unit 2 of Plant Hatch during the outage scheduled for the fall of 1986 (early September). This proposed schedule was based upon the assumption that the modifications, or suitable alternative changes, identified in the May 6, 1985, letter would be approved early this year.

We informed your staff in mid-April that we expected to approve the proposed modification, and by letter dated May 29, 1986, we formally informed GPC of our approval.

By letter dated May 15, 1986, GPC requested that the proposed schedule for implementing these modifications be extended to the refueling outage that is "tentatively" scheduled for the fall of 1987. GPC stated that its basis for requesting the extension was that it had not received the early NRC approval that it needed in order to plan and schedule the modification for the fall 1986 outage (currently scheduled to begin in September 1986).

We believe the modification should be made at the first reasonable time and, if it is reasonable to do so, encourage you to make it during the fall 1986 outage. On the other hand, if installing this modification during the fall outage would unduly upset your other planned activities, then we would agree with your request to extend the scheduled implementation to the fall 1987 outage.

Sincerely,

Original signed by/

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