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CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA

DOCKET NO. 50-321

EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 225
License No. DPR-57

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. DPR-57 filed by Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (the licensee), acting for itself, Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and City of Dalton, Georgia (the owners), dated October 8, 2001, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-57 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, as revised through Amendment No. 225, are hereby incorporated in the license. Southern Nuclear shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Attachment:
Technical Specification
Changes

Date of Issuance: November 26, 2001

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 225

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-57

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix A Technical Specifications and associated Bases with the attached revised pages. The revised pages are identified by amendment number and contain marginal lines indicating the areas of change.

<u>Remove</u>	<u>Insert</u>
3.7-9	B 3.7-9
3.7-10	B 3.7-10
3.7-11	B 3.7-11
B 3.7-20	B 3.7-20
B 3.7-21	B 3.7-21
B 3.7-22	B 3.7-22
--	B 3.7-22a
--	B 3.7-22b
B 3.7-23	B 3.7-23

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EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 168
License No. NPF-5

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 2 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. NPF-5 filed by Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (the licensee), acting for itself, Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and City of Dalton, Georgia (the owners), dated October 8, 2001, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, as revised through Amendment No. 168 are hereby incorporated in the license. Southern Nuclear shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Attachment:
Technical Specification
Changes

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 168

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-5

DOCKET NO. 50-366

Replace the following pages of the Appendix A Technical Specifications and associated Bases with the attached revised pages. The revised pages are identified by amendment number and contain vertical lines indicating the areas of change.

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3.7-9	3.7-9
3.7-10	3.7-10
3.7-11	3.7-11
B 3.7-20	B 3.7-20
B 3.7-21	B 3.7-21
B 3.7-22	B 3.7-22
--	B 3.7-22a
--	B 3.7-22b
B 3.7-23	B 3.7-23

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 225 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-57
AND AMENDMENT NO. 168 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-5
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY, INC., ET AL.
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated October 8, 2001, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (Southern Nuclear the licensee), et al., proposed license amendments to change the Technical Specifications (TS) for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The proposed amendments would revise TS 3.7.4, "Main Control Room Environmental Control (MCREC) System," to allow the main control room boundary to be opened intermittently under administrative controls and to allow 24 hours to restore the main control room boundary to Operable status before requiring the plant to perform an orderly shutdown. The applicable TS Bases have been revised to document the TS changes and to provide supporting information. This change is based on Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF)-287 to the Standard Technical Specifications.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The existing limiting condition for operation (LCO) 3.7.4 surveillance requirements that test the integrity of the control building boundary require a positive pressure limit to be satisfied with one ventilation train operating. While other surveillance requirements in the same specification test the operability and function of the ventilation train, the pressure test ensures that the control building boundary leak tightness is adequate to meet design assumptions for post-accident operator doses.

Currently, that are no corresponding Conditions, Required Actions, or Completion Times specified in LCO 3.7.4 should the control building boundary surveillance not be met. Under the existing specifications, LCO 3.0.3 must be entered (for two-train inoperability). Requiring the plant to enter LCO 3.0.3 when the ventilation boundary is not intact does not provide time to effect required repairs or corrective maintenance activities.

3.0 EVALUATION

The proposed changes are:

- a. A Note has been added to LCO 3.7.4 for the MCREC System to allow the control building boundary to be opened intermittently under administrative control.

Corresponding Bases have been added which establish the administrative controls that are required to minimize the consequences of the open boundary.

- b. A new Condition B is added to LCO 3.7.4 to specify that 24 hours are allowed to restore an inoperable control building boundary to operable status. All other Conditions have been administratively re-labeled to support this change. Corresponding Bases are added to support this change.
- c. Condition E of LCO 3.7.4 for two inoperable MCREC trains in Modes 1-3 is modified to exclude entry into this condition when the trains are inoperable because of the degraded control building boundary. The associated Bases for Condition E are revised accordingly.

The LCO is modified by a Note allowing the control building boundary to be opened intermittently under administrative controls. For entry and exit through doors, the administrative control of the opening is performed by the person(s) entering or exiting the area. For other openings, these controls consist of stationing a dedicated individual at the opening who is in continuous communication with the control room. This individual will have a method to rapidly close the opening when a need for control room area isolation is indicated.

If the control room boundary is inoperable in MODES 1, 2, or 3, such that the MCREC trains cannot establish or maintain the required pressure, action must be taken to restore an OPERABLE control building boundary within 24 hours. The 24-hour Completion Time is reasonable based on the low probability of a design basis accident occurring during this time period and compensatory measures available to the operator to minimize the consequences of potential hazards.

The proposed changes would allow 24 hours (during Modes 1, 2, or 3) to restore the capability to maintain control building boundary pressure before requiring the unit to perform an orderly shutdown, and would also allow intermittent opening of the control room boundary under administrative controls. During the period that the control building boundary is inoperable appropriate compensatory measures consistent with the intent of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A, General Design Criteria (GDC)19 will be utilized to protect the control room operators from potential hazards; such as radioactive contamination, toxic chemicals, smoke, temperature and relative humidity; and to ensure physical security. These preplanned compensatory measures will be available to address these concerns for intentional and unintentional entry into the condition. For example, when the control building boundary is opened for other than entry through doors, the proposed Bases require, in addition to other necessary measures, that a dedicated individual be stationed in the area in continuous contact with the control room to rapidly restore the boundary.

Additionally, the proposed change is considered acceptable because of the low probability of an event requiring an intact control room boundary during the 24-hour ACTION Completion Time associated with Condition "B".

Based on the low probability of an event occurring in this time and the availability of compensatory measures consistent with GDC 19 to minimize the consequences during an event, the proposed change is considered acceptable and is in conformance with TSTF-287.

4.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Georgia State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendments. The State official had no comments.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change a requirement with respect to the installation or use of facility components located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20 and change the surveillance requirements. The NRC staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts and no significant change in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (66 FR 54301). Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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