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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Modification Activities Temporarily Affecting the
Emergency Response Data System

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to provide follow-up notification to the NRC regarding plans to install a modification for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Safety Parameter Display System (SPDS) and the Emergency Response Data System (ERDS). This modification replaces the existing SPDS computer system with a new improved computer system. Physical computer system change-out activities will temporarily affect the availability of ERDS computer points via the NRC data link. Change-out activities are anticipated to last approximately 2 weeks for each Hatch Unit.

Although ERDS data points will be temporarily unavailable for electronic transmission via data link, Plant Hatch personnel will still be capable of communicating critical plant parameters to the NRC via the Emergency Notification System (ENS) or commercial telephone.

Plant Hatch notified NRC's Operations Center February 25, 2002, reference NRC Event #38722, when the Unit 1 SPDS was taken out of service and will notify the Operations Center when the Unit 1 SPDS is returned to service. The same upgrade will be installed on Unit 2. Therefore, the same notifications will be made to the NRC Operations Center. These notifications are being made to keep the NRC apprised of ERDS availability during our modification activities. Once the computer system change-out is completed, the modification will have no effect on transmission format or computer communication protocol for Plant Hatch Units 1 and 2 ERDS.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,

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