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Washington, D. C. 20555

NRC DOCKET 50-321
OPERATING LICENSE DPR-57
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1
SAFETY/RELIEF VALVE TAIL PIPE MONITORING SYSTEM

Gentlemen:

Georgia Power Company hereby proposes an amendment to the Plant Hatch Unit 1 Technical Specifications (Appendix A to the Operating License) pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, as required by 10 CFR 50.59(c)(1). The proposed changes reflect the necessary information to be included in the Technical Specifications in order to conform to the analyses bases discussed in our letter dated April 3, 1978, concerning suppression pool temperature limits.

The proposed changes to the Technical Specifications consist specifically of additional Limiting Conditions for Operation and Surveillance Requirements that apply to the relief/safety valve tail pipe monitoring system which has been installed on Unit 1. These conditions and requirements are identical to those contained in the Plant Hatch Unit 2 Standard Technical Specifications (STS). Functional details pertaining to the tail pipe monitoring system have already been presented to you and are contained in the enclosure of our April 3, 1978, letter. We do not propose any additional changes to the Unit 1 Technical Specifications at this time. Current requirements which address allowable torus water level and temperature are similar to those contained in the Unit 2 STS and include the information needed to support the analyses bases.

The Plant Review Board and Safety Review Board have reviewed and approved the proposed change to the Plant Hatch Unit 1 Technical Specifications and have determined that it does not constitute an unreviewed safety question. The probability of an accident is not increased nor is the possibility for failures of a different type not previously introduced, since the proposed changes conform to the suppression pool temperature limit analyses bases. Margins of safety are not reduced because the relief/safety valve tail pipe monitoring

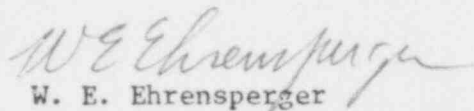
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system will indicate and identify a stuck open relief/safety valve and thus assist in providing the reactor operator information needed in order to perform the appropriate actions.

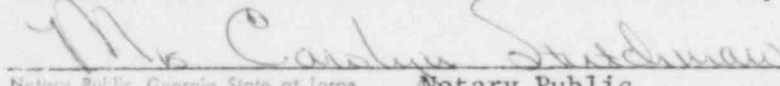
Yours very truly,


W. E. Ehrensperger

MRD/TMM,mb

Attachment

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of July, 1979.



Notary Public, Georgia State at Large

Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 14, 1980

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