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PLANT HATCH - UNITS 1, 2  
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OPERATING LICENSES DPR-57, NPF-5  
IE BULLETIN 90-02, LOSS OF THERMAL  
MARGIN CAUSED BY CHANNEL BOX BOW

Gentlemen:

NRC Bulletin 90-02 requested action of all BWR licensees that currently use fuel channels for a second bundle lifetime. The action requested was to verify that current CPR Technical Specification Operating and Safety Limits are met.

After review of past and current operating practices, Georgia Power Company has determined that it has not been, and is not currently our practice to re-use fuel channels for a second bundle lifetime. This practice has been in place in order to maintain the protection provided by the fuel channel while the discharged bundle is located in the fuel pool.

In addition, in order to strengthen the awareness of plant personnel, a procedure revision is currently in the validation process at the plant that places a cautionary note in the procedure for channeling bundles. This note advises that all necessary analyses must be performed before a channel can be re-used.

Based on the above, no written response to the Bulletin is required. However, if at some point in the future we decide to re-use channels, additional information on the use and disposition of the channels and the methodology and data base for analysis required by the Bulletin will be implemented.

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