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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant  
Revised Response to Generic Letter 91-11

Gentlemen:

On July 18, 1991, the NRC issued Generic 'tier (GL) 91-11, "Resolution of Generic Issues 48, 'LCOs for Class 1E Vital Instrument Buses,' and 49, 'Interlocks and LCOs for Class 1E Tie Breakers' Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f)." By letter dated January 31, 1992, Georgia Power Company (GPC) responded to GL 91-11 describing actions taken to ensure Plant Hatch is in compliance with the requirements of the generic letter. In order to ensure the Plant Hatch Unit 1 electrical system is maintained in compliance with the single-failure criterion on an interim basis, administrative controls were implemented to add operability and surveillance requirements for the Unit 1 instrument buses and essential cabinets. Our response stated the long term solution would be to permanently revise the Unit 1 Technical Specifications to add these same requirements. By letter dated July 17, 1992, GPC submitted a request to revise the Plant Hatch Unit 1 Technical Specifications to add operability and surveillance requirements for the Unit 1 instrument buses and essential cabinets. Such requirements are already contained in the Unit 2 Technical Specifications.

Based on recent discussions with the NRC staff, GPC is proposing an alternate response to GL 91-11. Plant Hatch is the lead BWR 4 plant for the Technical Specification Improvement Program. GPC plans to submit a request in November of this year to revise the Plant Hatch Units 1 and 2 Technical Specifications to conform to the BWR 4 Standard Technical Specifications, NUREG-1433. The improved Technical Specifications for both units will contain operability and surveillance requirements for the instrument buses and essential cabinets. GPC proposes that implementation of the improved Technical Specifications will provide the long term solution to ensure the Plant Hatch Unit 1 electrical system is maintained in compliance with the single-failure criterion. Until the improved Technical Specifications are implemented, the

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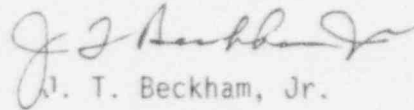
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administrative controls which were implemented to add operability and surveillance requirements for the Unit 1 instrument buses and essential cabinets will remain in place. If this alternate response is determined to be acceptable, please consider the subject request to revise Technical Specifications submitted on July 17, 1992 to be withdrawn.

Please contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
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