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EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1, 2
TRANSIENTS AND ACCIDENTS - NUREG-0737: ITEM I.C.1

Gentlemen:

NUREG-0737 Item I.C.1, "Guidance For The Evaluation And Development Of Procedures For Transients And Accidents," specifies the first refueling outage after January 1, 1982 as the implementation date for procedures developed through the I.C.1 effort. However, as noted in our letter of December 15, 1980, this program is of a highly complex nature in terms of development and training, and a completion date cannot be accurately forecasted. Circumstances have precluded implementation on a schedule such as was requested in NUREG-0737, and we, hereby, make note of that fact.

The Emergency Procedure Guidelines for Boiling Water Reactors (BWR), NEDO-24934, are still under revision (reference the BWR Owners Group letter BWROG-8156 to Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut of the NRC staff dated September 8, 1981), and have not yet been approved by the NRC for implementation by operating plants; nor has NUREG-0799 been available in its final form for use. Implementation has thus been impractical because of these circumstances. Further, a problem exists concerning the availability of sufficient time on plant simulators for the training of operators in the new symptom-based approach to emergency procedures. Georgia Power Company has undertaken the development of a plant specific control room simulator to be located on the Plant Hatch site. This device is tentatively scheduled to be available for training in the fall of 1982. It is anticipated that sufficient time will be available for operator training on the Plant Hatch simulator to allow implementation of the symptom-based procedures in the late spring of 1983.

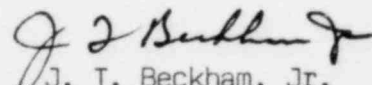
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We, therefore, take this opportunity to notify you that implementation will not be achieved by the schedule of NUREG-0737, and that a tentative schedule for implementation will be submitted when the circumstances noted above permit. If you have questions or comments in this regard, please contact this office.

Yours very truly,


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