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NRC DOCKET 50-366
OPERATING LICENSE NPF-5
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 2
REVISION OF PREVIOUS TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATION CHANGE PROPOSAL

Gentlemen:

Georgia Power Company (GPC), in a letter dated May 3, 1982, proposed an amendment to the Edwin I. Hatch Unit 2 Technical Specifications (Appendix A to the Operating License). This proposal, which since has been approved in your letter dated May 13, 1982 as part of Amendment 29 to License NPF-5, allowed for removal of the drywell recirculation pump fire suppression sprinkler system from service. GPC has since discovered that our May 3, 1982 proposal contained an erroneous statement in the safety evaluation.

GPC stated in the safety evaluation for this proposal that both sides of the recirculation pump sprinkler line penetration (drywell penetration 76) would be capped as part of the implementation of the proposed change. In fact, our design change calls for a cap on the outside of the penetration only.

Application of this design change utilizing only one drywell penetration cap would in no way constitute an unreviewed safety question as determined by the Plant Review Board and Safety Review Board. The probability of occurrence or the consequences of an accident or malfunction of safety-related equipment would not be increased above those analyzed in the FSAR because the use of only one cap on drywell penetration 76 is consistent with the design for all drywell spare (out of service) penetrations. The possibility of an accident or malfunction of a different type than analyzed in the FSAR does not result from this design change because it affects no present modes of either operation or failure. The margin of safety as defined in the Technical Specifications is not reduced due to this change because there is no Technical Specification requirement governing the number of caps used on spare drywell penetrations.

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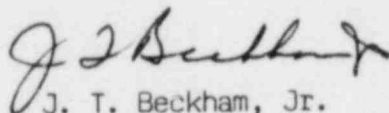
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This revision to our earlier proposal would have no effect on the contents of License Amendment No. 29. Furthermore, the safety evaluation accompanying that Amendment made no reference to the number of caps on drywell penetration 76.

If there are any questions concerning the implementation of the subject design change, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,


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