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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant - Unit 1
Request For Scheduling Relief From
NUREG-0619 Inspection Requirements

Gentlemen:

By letter dated October 19, 1992, Georgia Power Company (GPC) requested relief from the liquid penetrant (PT) examination requirement and the ultrasonic examination schedule contained in NUREG-0619, as modified by Generic Letter 88-11. The schedule is contained in Section 4.3.2, Table 2, of NUREG-0619, "BWR Feedwater Nozzle and Control Rod Drive Return Line Nozzle Cracking". GPC proposed to perform automated, enhanced ultrasonic test (UT) examinations from the reactor pressure vessel outer shell in lieu of the manual UT and in vessel PT.

The automated inspections were subsequently performed on all four feedwater nozzles on Unit 1 and Unit 2 during the Spring 1993 and Spring 1994 refueling outages, respectively. The inspection results showed that no flaw indications requiring evaluation to NUREG-0619 or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section XI were detected in the nozzle inner radius or safe-end region. The Unit 1 inspection results were presented to the Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) staff during subsequent meetings and GPC provided additional information by letter dated December 21, 1993.

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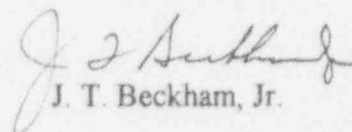
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In consideration of the potentially generic application of the proposed plan, GPC's letter dated February 2, 1993 requested schedular relief for the PT examination requirements for one cycle on both Units 1 and 2. The NRR staff granted the schedular relief in their safety evaluation dated May 4, 1993. Since that time, the Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group (BWROG) has been developing a submittal for generic resolution of this topic.

Because of the recent generic activities associated with reactor vessel material issues, development of the BWROG submittal has been delayed. Consequently, GPC requests schedular relief for the PT examination requirement contained in NUREG-0619 for an additional cycle on Unit 1. The technical basis for this schedular relief is described in GPC's October 19, 1992 letter and augmented by the results of the automated inspections performed on both units. GPC anticipates that resolution will be accomplished prior to the next Unit 2 outage in 1995. Consequently, schedular relief is not requested for Unit 2 at this time.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please call this office.

Sincerely,


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