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Gentlemen:

VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT
REVISION TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
TABLE 4.8-1

By letter of April 22, 1991, Georgia Power Company (GPC) applied to the NRC for an amendment to the Technical Specifications (TS) for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP). This amendment would modify table 4.8-1 of the TS related to the frequency of emergency diesel generator testing. The request would allow the return to a regular monthly testing schedule from an increased test frequency, following the completion of 7 consecutive tests without a failure, provided the number of failures in the last 20 valid demands has been reduced to 1 or less.

The Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC), by letter dated May 21, 1991, to the Honorable James R. Curtis, requested relief from accelerated diesel generator testing requirements and advised that sufficient information had been provided to the Commission to facilitate this reduction by establishing accelerated testing on a basis of 4 failures in the last 25 valid tests.

By a staff requirement memorandum dated June 28, 1991, the Commission has directed the NRC staff to address the industry's request for relief from accelerated diesel generator testing requirements.

Georgia Power Company is a member of NUMARC and is following this effort. In light of the industry effort to resolve this generic issue, GPC is withdrawing the pending license amendment at this time. Georgia Power Company will consider an appropriate request when the industry initiative is resolved.

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Should you have any questions, please advise.

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