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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. John F. Stolz, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4
Division of Licensing
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

NRC DOCKET 50-366
OPERATING LICENSE NPF-5
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 2
NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL PROBLEM REGARDING
THE 10 CFR 50.49 EQUIPMENT QUALIFICATION DEADLINE

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.49(h), Georgia Power Company (GPC) hereby provides notification of equipment qualification problems which could result in a request for extension of the rulemaking deadline (i.e., end of the second refueling outage after March 31, 1982). The problems being encountered involve the qualification testing program for the post-accident hydrogen and oxygen monitoring system heat tracing apparatus. This heat tracing is to be installed at Plant Hatch Unit 2 during the upcoming refueling/recirculation pipe replacement outage as part of the GPC program for meeting the requirements of NUREG-0737. GPC was informed by the equipment vendor on November 9, 1983 that the testing program might not be completed by the forecast qualification deadline.

Current plans call for completion of the heat tracing qualification program by September 1984; however, the currently projected Hatch Unit 2 qualification deadline (end of the upcoming outage) is before September 1984. Due to many uncertainties inherent in the recirculation pipe replacement project, it is not possible to exactly predict the end date for the scheduled outage. Once the schedules for the heat tracing qualification

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and the pipe replacement have been more firmly settled, GPC will make a determination as to whether or not this equipment item can be qualified by the regulatory deadline. Should it be determined that the deadline cannot be met, or should the heat tracing equipment fail to meet the qualification testing criteria, then GPC will submit a request for extension of the deadline as prescribed by 10 CFR 50.49(g).

Very truly yours,

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