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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Docket No. 50-424/425-OLA-3

EXHIBIT NO.

H-235

In the matter of Georgia Power Co. et al., Vogtle Units 1 & 2

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IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKETING SERVICE
ALLEN MOSBAUGH,

COMPLAINANT,

VERSUS

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY,

RESPONDENT.

CLAIM NO: 90-ERA-58

DEPOSITION OF GEORGE BOCKHOLD, JR.,
TAKEN BY COUNSEL FOR THE COMPLAINANT,
BEFORE JEAN W. CLEMENTS, CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER,
AT PLANT VOGTLE, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA,
ON THURSDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1990,
COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M.

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1 A. I DON'T REMEMBER.

2 Q. DID YOU ASK ANYONE ON SITE TO TRY -- LET ME
3 REPHRASE THAT. DID YOU INTEND TO TRY TO LOCATE THE SOURCE
4 OF THE RUMOR THAT MR. SKIP KITCHENS HAD OPENED THE VALVE?

5 A. NO, BECAUSE IT WAS TOTALLY RIDICULOUS THAT SKIP
6 KITCHENS WOULD OPEN THE VALVE.

7 Q. WAS THERE A RUMOR ON SITE THAT SKIP KITCHENS HAD
8 INTENTIONALLY ORDERED THAT THE VALVE BE OPENED IN VIOLATION
9 OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS?

10 A. I HEARD THAT RUMOR, TOO, AND THAT'S TOTALLY
11 RIDICULOUS ALSO.

12 Q. AND I NOTICE THAT SOME PEOPLE CHANGE IN Demeanor
13 WHEN THEY'RE ANSWERING THAT QUESTION. BUT IS THAT A
14 PARTICULAR SORE SPOT WITH YOU?

15 A. NO.

16 Q. THAT ALLEGATION IS NOT A PARTICULAR SORE SPOT?

17 A. IT'S TOTALLY RIDICULOUS, THAT'S ALL, YOU KNOW,
18 WHEN I SAY THE WORDS TOTALLY RIDICULOUS, MAYBE THAT'S JUST
19 THE WAY I REACTED.

20 Q. AND SO A TOTALLY RIDICULOUS ALLEGATION WOULDN'T
21 GET YOU UPSET?

22 A. NO.

23 Q. EVEN IF IT'S MADE AGAINST ONE OF THE HIGHEST
24 RANKING MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT ON SITE?

25 A. NO, BECAUSE THE THING THAT JUST GIVES ME ANY

1 EMOTION AT ALL IS THAT THE N.R.C. WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE A
2 TOTALLY AND OBVIOUSLY TOTALLY RIDICULOUS ALLEGATION, THAT
3 THEY WOULD WASTE MAN-HOURS TO GO AHEAD AND PURSUE IT.

4 Q. AND, HOW MANY O.I. INVESTIGATIONS HAVE THERE
5 BEEN AT PLANT VOGTLE?

6 A. TWO.

7 Q. CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THE TWO WERE?

8 A. ONE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY AND ONE WAS
9 ASSOCIATED WITH THE MID-LOOP OPERATION.

10 Q. AND, WAS THE SECURITY INVESTIGATION, WHAT WAS
11 THAT ABOUT?

12 A. THE SECURITY INVESTIGATION WAS ABOUT VARIOUS
13 ALLEGATIONS AND VARIOUS PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY
14 AND WILLFUL WRONGDOING.

15 Q. WHO MADE THOSE ALLEGATIONS?

16 A. I DON'T KNOW.

17 Q. AND, WAS THERE A FINE ISSUED REGARDING THE FIRST
18 O.I. INVESTIGATION?

19 A. I BELIEVE THAT THE N.R.C. RULES ARE SUCH THAT
20 FINES ARE NOT ISSUED ASSOCIATED WITH O.I. INVESTIGATIONS.
21 THE NORMAL INSPECTION PROCESS IS USED TO ISSUE FINES.
22 CRIMINAL PROSECUTION IS ASSOCIATED WITH O.I. INVESTIGATIONS,
23 AND SO FINES AND O.I. INVESTIGATIONS DO NOT RELATE.

24 Q. AND, WAS THERE A CONCURRENT N.R.C. INSPECTION
25 PROCESS COVERING THE SAME AREAS AS THE O.I. INVESTIGATIONS

1 THEY SHOWED UP.

2 Q. THE INFORMATION -- WELL, LET ME REPHRASE THAT.
3 WHAT INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO YOU OR GEORGIA POWER
4 COMPANY PRIOR TO THE O.I. INVESTIGATION, WAS THERE A LIST OF
5 DOCUMENTS THEY WANTED TO REVIEW, WAS THERE A LIST OF PEOPLE
6 THEY WANTED TO INTERVIEW?

7 A. I DON'T REMEMBER THE SPECIFICS ON IT.

8 Q. WERE THERE WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE
9 N.R.C. BEFORE THE INVESTIGATION BEGUN?

10 A. I DON'T KNOW YOUR QUESTION. I MEAN, I BELIEVE
11 JOHN AUFDENKAMPE MAY HAVE HAD SOME CONVERSATIONS WITH THE
12 RESIDENT, BUT THAT IS A VAGUE REMEMBRANCE, VERY VAGUE.

13 Q. YOU SAID EARLIER YOU WERE TRYING TO MINIMIZE THE
14 AMOUNT OF TIME YOUR MANAGERS WOULD HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN
15 THIS O.I. INVESTIGATION AND THAT YOU WERE TRYING TO LOCATE
16 THE DOCUMENTS AND WHATNOT TO SPEED UP THAT PROCESS, WHEN DID
17 YOU BEGIN THIS PROCESS?

18 A. WHEN I KNEW A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE GOING TO BE
19 HERE. PART OF MY NORMAL STAFF MEETINGS IS TO PUT OUT
20 INFORMATION ON WHAT'S GOING ON WITH N.R.C. ACTIVITIES. WE
21 HAVE MY MANAGEMENT STAFF PUT OUT THAT ACTION. PART OF MY
22 GENERAL MANAGEMENT STYLE IS TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
23 ORGANIZED SUCH THAT FOR INSPECTION TEAMS WE RESPOND AS
24 QUICKLY AS WE CAN TO GET THEM THAT INFORMATION SO THEY CAN
25 DO THEIR JOB AND BASICALLY WE CAN THEN GO ON ABOUT OUR