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PLANT HATCH - UNITS 1, 2
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OPERATING LICENSES DPR-57, NPF-5
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
LICENSE AMENDMENTS APPLICATION FOR
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR TO BECOME LICENSED OPERATOR
(NRC TAC NOS. M84534 AND M84535)

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the request of Oglethorpe Power Corporation ("OPC"), a co-owner along with Georgia Power Company ("GPC"), the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and The City of Dalton, Georgia of Plant Hatch, Units 1 and 2, GPC hereby submits the following comments regarding the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant License Amendments Application for Southern Nuclear to become the Licensed Operator (the "Application"), submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") on September 18, 1992.

As you know, OPC possesses a 30% undivided ownership interest in Plant Hatch, Units 1 and 2 and is licensed by the NRC to "possess" but not operate Plant Hatch. Pursuant to existing ownership and operating agreements, GPC is the "Operating Agent" of Plant Hatch acting for itself and as agent for OPC, the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and The City of Dalton, Georgia (collectively, the "Owners"). Such agreements also provide that each of the Owners agrees to pay its proportionate share, equal to such Owner's undivided ownership interest in Plant Hatch, of the costs incurred by GPC for the operation and decommissioning of Plant Hatch.

In connection with the license amendments to designate Southern Nuclear as the exclusive operating licensee of Plant Hatch, the following documents are expected to be executed: (1) a Nuclear Operating Agreement ("NOA") between GPC and Southern Nuclear, a draft copy of which was submitted to the NRC on October 7, 1992, and (2) an Amended and Restated Nuclear

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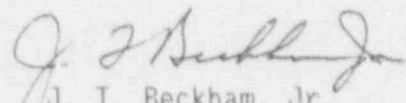
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Managing Board Agreement ("NMBA") among the Owners. Both the NOA and the NMBA are acceptable to OPC, substantially in their current draft forms. OPC intends to execute the NMBA once OPC receives the approval of the Administrator of the Rural Electric Administration ("REA") for OPC to enter into the NMBA. The Nuclear Managing Board will authorize GPC and Southern Nuclear to enter into the NCA following OPC's receipt of consent (express or otherwise) from REA to approve the NOA.

In accordance with the NMBA and the NCA, each Owner will remain obligated to pay its proportionate share, equal to its undivided ownership interest in Plant Hatch, of the costs of operating and decommissioning Plant Hatch. In other words, the obligations of the Owners to pay their proportionate shares of such costs will be the same whether Southern Nuclear becomes the exclusive licensed operator as they have to date.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. S. J. Beckham at (404) 270-1292.

Sincerely,


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