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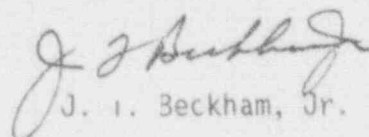
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Administrative Control Concerning Loss of Function

Gentlemen:

By letters dated February 26, 1991, February 4, 1992, and December 21, 1992, Georgia Power Company (GPC) submitted requests for revision to the Plant Hatch Units 1 and 2 Technical Specifications. These proposed revisions involve extension of instrumentation surveillance frequencies and allowable outage times.

The NRC staff expressed concern with the possibility that the revised specifications could permit plant operation with a sufficient number of instrumentation channels inoperable such that a trip, isolation, or actuation instrumentation function is lost. GPC personnel provided assurance that such a situation would be contrary to the philosophy of conservatism employed in the operation of Plant Hatch. This letter documents a commitment to institute formal administrative controls to ensure such operation under these conditions is not allowed. Operations personnel will be instructed to ensure no deliberate action is taken which would cause a trip, isolation, or actuation instrumentation function to be lost, and to take corrective actions within one hour if such a condition is discovered. These administrative controls will be implemented simultaneously with the approved Technical Specification amendment.

Sincerely,


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