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**SOUTHERN NUCLEAR TO BECOME THE LICENSED OPERATOR
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT (NRC TAC Nos. M84534 and M84535)
VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT (NRC TAC Nos. M84531 and M84532)**

Gentlemen:

On September 18, 1992, Georgia Power Company (GPC) submitted an application to amend Facility Operating License (FOL) Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5 which would authorize Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (Southern Nuclear) to become the licensed operator and to have exclusive responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 and Unit 2. Also, on the same date, GPC submitted a separate application to amend FOL Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81 which would authorize Southern Nuclear to become the licensed operator and have exclusive responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 1 and Unit 2. On September 11, 1996, GPC submitted letters to provide updated information relative to these amendment applications.

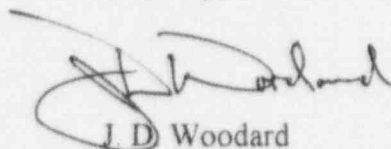
In the September 11, 1996 letters, GPC requested that the license amendments be made effective as of their date of issuance with the provision that the license conditions shall be implemented within 60 days of the date of issuance and upon the official transfer of responsibilities between GPC and Southern Nuclear. GPC desires for the official transfer of licensed responsibilities at the same time as all GPC employees are transferred to Southern Nuclear and after other related activities, which are not preconditions to the transfer, are complete. In addition to the NRC issuance of the amendments, other activities include nuclear insurance policy modifications, certain procedure revisions, environmental permit modifications or transfers, emergency planning-related notifications and commercial agreement assignments or notifications.

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The purpose of this letter is to document, as a result of telephone conversations between GPC and NRC representatives, GPC's desire to complete employee transfer and other amendment-related activities on December 14, 1996. Because personnel pay periods and year-end accounting activities are other issues which must be addressed, this date has been determined to be the best date for the transfer to occur, allowing for the most efficient organizational transition and corresponding minimum cost impact. GPC requests the issuance of the amendments as soon as possible, but not later than December 2, 1996 to support the December 14, 1996 transition, with the provision that the license conditions shall be implemented within 60 days and upon the official transfer of responsibilities between GPC and Southern Nuclear.

Sincerely,



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