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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT  
UPDATED INFORMATION FOR LICENSE AMENDMENTS APPLICATION  
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR TO BECOME THE LICENSED OPERATOR  
NRC TAC Nos. M84534 and M84535

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 have exclusive responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 and Unit 2 (Plant Hatch). By letters to the NRC dated October 6, 1992, October 15, 1992, September 11, 1996 and December 13, 1996, GPC supplemented or provided information related to this application.

In response to telephone conversations this week, GPC is informing the NRC that certain planned activities which were communicated in the application have been completed. Pursuant to the Nuclear Operating Agreement between GPC and Southern Nuclear, the companies have entered into a number of service plans which provide for the performance of services by GPC after the license transfer occurs. Specifically, as stated in the application, "Following the reassignment of operating responsibilities to Southern Nuclear, a significant amount of off-site emergency planning support, including communication with the public, will be provided by Georgia Power Company." The service plans between Georgia Power Company and Southern Nuclear to assure these services will be performed have been duly executed.

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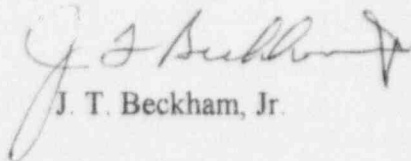
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Similarly, as stated in the application, "Pursuant to this requirement (GDC-17), Southern Nuclear will enter into agreements with Georgia Power Company specifying: (1) the arrangements for provision of a continued source of off-site power, (2) the arrangements for controlling operation, maintenance, repair, and other activities with respect to the transmission lines and the switchyard in the Exclusion Area, and (3) a requirement that Georgia Power Company obtain approval from Southern Nuclear prior to implementing any changes to the equipment located in the Exclusion Area." The service plan between Georgia Power Company and Southern Nuclear to assure these services will be performed has been duly executed.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, the designated State official will be sent a copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

  
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