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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REVISED QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM CHANGE SUBMITTAL -
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M95754 AND
M95755)

REFERENCES: 1. Submittal of Revision to Quality Assurance Program,
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, dated June 12, 1996
2. NRC Request for Additional Information, dated August 5, 1996
3. Georgia Power Company Response to NRC Request for Additional
Information, dated September 4, 1996

Dear Mr. Beckham:

By letter dated September 4, 1996, Georgia Power Company (GPC) responded to the NRC request for additional information regarding the proposed revision to the Plant Hatch Quality Assurance Program (QAP) submitted by letter dated June 12, 1996. The proposed revision seeks permission to utilize a Qualified Reviewer (QR) to conduct 10 CFR 50.59 screening evaluations of planned changes to the plant design, procedures and programs, and of the conduct of tests or experiments in lieu of the previous practice of Plant Review Board (PRB) review of such documents.

The NRC staff has completed its review of your response and has determined that the additional information provided describes an acceptable approach for utilizing a Qualified Reviewer contingent upon incorporation of the following provisions:

1. It should be noted that your description of the QR's conclusion regarding the existence of an unreviewed safety question (USQ) is incorrect. The Qualified Reviewer's signature on the 50.59 evaluation form will only serve as an independent evaluation verifying that determination of the existence of an USQ need not be performed. If any doubt remains in the QR's mind regarding the applicability of the 50.59 regulation to the matter being evaluated, then the matter should be referred to the PRB for a final evaluation.
2. The licensee will revise Section 13 of the FSAR, applicable plant procedures governing the preparation and review of 10 CFR 50.59 screening reviews and evaluations, and the revised QA Program to address the requirement for cross-disciplinary review as a licensing basis for screening matters, as necessary.

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3. QR screening evaluations will be limited to program and procedure changes only. Proposed plant modifications must continue to be evaluated by the PRB.
4. The qualification requirements of each QR will meet those for independent reviewers given in Section 4.7.2 of ANSI/ANS 3.1-1981.

It is requested that you provide a revised QAP change submittal that addresses the above provisions within 30 days from the date of this letter. Please contact me at (301) 415-1496 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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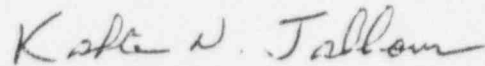
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