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STATE LIAISON OFFICERS: GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES CONSULTED ON THE VOGTLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NOTIFICATION OF AN UPCOMING JUNE 23, 2020, PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE VOGTLE FINAL CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (STC-20-046)

Purpose: To provide notice that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff will conduct a public meeting to understand Southern Nuclear Operating Company's (SNC) plan to submit a proposed licensing action involving changes to routine maintenance activities of cultural properties along transmission line corridors.

Background: The SNC operates the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 1 and 2 (Docket No. 50-424, License No. NPF-068; Docket No. 50-425, License No. NPF-081). The "Environmental Protection Plan (Nonradiological)" (Appendix B to the Vogtle Renewed Operating License No. NPF-68 includes maintenance activities of cultural properties along transmission line corridors (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML052840233). This Environmental Protection Plan addresses environmental issues that had been identified and which required study or license conditions to resolve concerns and assure adequate protection of the environment.

Discussion: The "Environmental Protection Plan (Nonradiological)" requires that routine maintenance activities in the area of cultural properties along transmission line corridors will be in accordance with the SNC's Final Cultural Resource Management (FCRM) Plan. The presubmittal public meeting is to discuss the SNC's plan for a proposed licensing action to change the VEGP Units 1 and 2, FCRM Plan. The proposed licensing action is to change the routine maintenance activities in the area of cultural properties (i.e., Indian burial site, plantation buildings, etc.) along the transmission line corridors. Specifically, SNC will propose to inspect the cultural properties on "foot" in lieu of by "aircraft."

The "Applicant's Environmental Report Operating License Renewal Stage for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1 and 2," Southern Nuclear Operating Company (Docket No. 50-424 – License No. NPF-068 and Docket No. 50-425, License No. NPF-081), June 2007, (ADAMS Accession No. ML071840357), includes maps that show the location of the VEGP site and the transmission lines. It also describes cultural and archeological resources. An excerpt of the applicant's environmental report that describes the cultural and archeological resources is enclosed with this letter (ADAMS Accession No. ML20153A482).

This is a Category 1 public meeting: The public is invited to observe this meeting and will have one or more opportunities to communicate with the NRC after the business portion of the meeting but before the meeting is adjourned. The meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2020,

from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) and will be held by Skype and teleconference.

The NRC also posts its meeting information and updates to meeting information at: <u>https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg</u>. The current meeting information is provided below:

Teleconference phone number: (301) 415-0333 Pass code: 1591327# Link using Skype: <u>https://skype.nrc.gov/meet/john.lamb/TKD0L9RK</u> Meeting number: 1591327 Link to obtain a local Number: <u>https://skype.nrc.gov/dialin?id=1591327</u>

If you have any questions regarding the public meeting or this correspondence, please contact the individual named below:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF AN UPCOMING JUNE 23, 2020, PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE VOGTLE FINAL CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (STC-20-046)

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