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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

**VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT  
REQUEST TO REVISE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS  
SLAVE RELAY TEST FREQUENCY  
SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT 3.3.2.5**

By letter LCV-1359, dated August 24, 1999, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a request to extend the slave relay test frequency for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. This proposed change in slave relay test frequency was based on information contained in Westinghouse Electric Corporation (Westinghouse) report WCAP-13878 (proprietary) Revision 1, "Reliability Assessment of Potter & Brumfield MDR Series Relays," June 1994. By letter dated May 31, 1996 from Bruce A. Boger (NRC) to Tom Greene, Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG), the NRC approved WCAP-13878, WCAP-14117, and WCAP-13900.

By letter NSBU-NRC-99-5955, dated November 5, 1999, Westinghouse submitted WCAP-13878 Revision 2, which incorporated the following changes:

- The correct form of the Arrhenius equation is used to calculate the total service lives of relays energized 20% of the time and
- The aging reference temperature of Nylon Zytel 101 is changed from 160°F to 175°F and the activation energy (eV) is changed from 1.37 eV to 0.8787 eV.

In general, the above corrections result in changes in calculated service lives of Nylon Zytel 101 and other materials as identified in the WCAP. However, these changes do not change the conclusions, safety evaluation, Technical Specification mark-ups or scope of applicability of the WCAP.

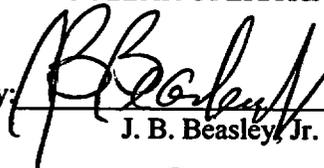
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SNC would like to revise the August 24, 1999 submittal to reference Revision 2 of WCAP-13878. Enclosure 1 contains a revised mark-up of the affected pages from the VEGP Unit 1 and Unit 2 TS and the affected Bases pages. Enclosure 2 contains the clean typed pages reflecting the proposed changes. The only change updates the revision of WCAP-13878 located in Reference 12 on page B 3.3.2-52. This change does not require a revision to either the Basis for the Proposed Change or the Significant Hazards Evaluation contained in the original submittal.

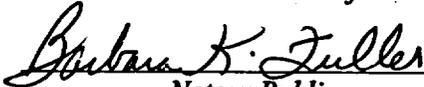
Mr. J. B. Beasley, Jr. states that he is Vice President of Southern Nuclear Operating Company and is authorized to execute this oath on behalf of Southern Nuclear Operating Company and that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the facts set forth in this letter are true.

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

By: 

J. B. Beasley, Jr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of December, 1999.

  
Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE.  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: Dec. 12, 2001.  
BONDED THRU NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERWRITERS.

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Enclosure 1: Mark-Up TS and Bases Pages  
Enclosure 2: Clean Typed TS and Bases Pages

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**ENCLOSURE 1**

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**MARKED-UP TS AND BASES PAGES**

**SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**NOTE**

Refer to Table 3.3.2-1 to determine which SRs apply for each ESFAS Function.

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SR 3.3.2.3	Perform MASTER RELAY TEST.	31 days on a STAGGERED TEST BASIS
SR 3.3.2.4	Perform COT.	92 days
SR 3.3.2.5	Perform SLAVE RELAY TEST.	<del>92 days</del> 18 months
SR 3.3.2.6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>Verification of setpoint not required for manual initiation functions.</p> <hr/> <p>Perform TADOT.</p>	18 months

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REQUIREMENTSSR 3.3.2.5 (continued)

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A CHANNEL CALIBRATION is performed every 18 months, or approximately at every refueling. CHANNEL CALIBRATION is a complete check of the instrument loop, including the sensor. The test verifies that the channel responds to measured parameter within the necessary range and accuracy.

CHANNEL CALIBRATIONS must be performed consistent with the assumptions of the unit specific setpoint methodology. The difference between the current "as found" values and the previous test "as left" values must be consistent with the drift allowance used in the setpoint methodology.

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