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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant  
Physical Security Plan Revision

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(p)(2), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submits a change to the Physical Security Plan for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant. The enclosed revision reflects several rule changes to 10 CFR Part 73, "Physical Protection of Plants and Materials," which became effective on January 16, 1998. These changes are associated with the requirements for vehicle escort and vital area key control. SNC has determined these changes do not decrease the effectiveness of the Physical Security Plan and submits these changes in accordance with the NRC staff's position that implementation of a rule change through the 10 CFR 50.54(p)(2) process is acceptable. Therefore, a justification for this determination is not provided.

The enclosed revision also incorporates pertinent information concerning recent enhancements to the plant security system and a description of the security system provided for the planned Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). SNC has determined that the physical changes associated with this information do not decrease the effectiveness of the Physical Security Plan. A justification for this determination is provided. The enclosed revision also incorporates some minor administrative and editorial changes for clarification only.

The enclosures to this letter contain the aforementioned determination, a description of the changes, revision insertion instructions, and the revised Physical Security Plan pages. The information contained in the enclosures is categorized as Safeguards Information, and in accordance with 10 CFR 73.21, this document should be withheld from public disclosure.

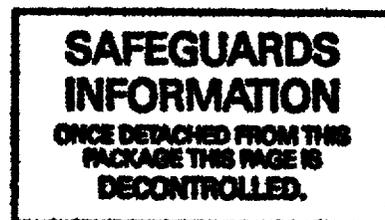
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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Enclosure 1 – Determination of No Decrease in Effectiveness  
Enclosure 2 – Description of Changes  
Enclosure 3 – Revision Insertion Instructions  
Enclosure 4 – Revised PSP Pages

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