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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Supplement 1 to Request for Technical Specification Changes
Unit Two Pressurizer Power Operated Relief Valve Block Valves Surveillance Testing

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated September 8, 2000 Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) proposed to amend the Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP) Technical Specifications (TS), Appendix A to Operating License NPF-8. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, SNC is submitting this supplement to request that the amendment be treated as exigent. This treatment is proposed to shorten the public comment period such that the amendment request may be granted by October 29, 2000. As discussed in the September 8, 2000 submittal, that date corresponds to the next due date for the surveillance testing of the pressurizer relief block valves. SNC proposes that this amendment be treated as exigent to avoid an unnecessary plant shutdown or potential operational difficulties associated with cycle testing the PORV block valves. SNC has been notified by the NRC that insufficient time exists to allow for a 30 day notice and still meet SNC's requested date.

The problem leading to the amendment request was discovered on July 29, 2000. SNC was unable to submit the amendment request earlier than the September 8, 2000 due to the difficulty in determining the cause of the operational concern, evaluating possible solutions, preparing the associated license amendment, and processing it through both the Plant Operating Review Committee and the Nuclear Operating Review Board.

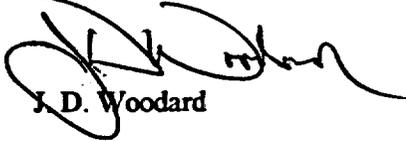
This supplement does not impact the contents of the previously submitted amendment and the conclusions of the significant hazard consideration are not affected. No NRC commitments are contained in this letter.

A copy of the proposed changes has been sent to Dr. D. E. Williamson, the Alabama State Designee, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(b)(1).

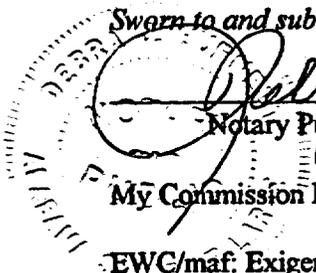
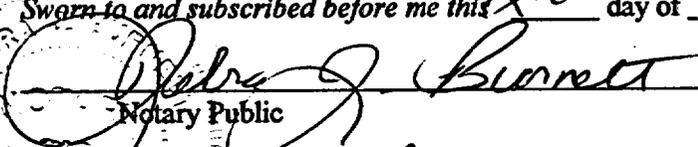
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Mr. J. D. Woodard states that he is Executive Vice President of SNC, and is authorized to execute this oath on behalf of SNC and that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the facts set forth in this letter are true.

Respectfully submitted,
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY


J. D. Woodard

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of October 2000



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