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Ladies and Gentlemen:

**VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT
WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR RELIEF RR-38 - SECOND
TEN-YEAR INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Inservice inspection (ISI) Request for Relief RR-38 was submitted to the NRC for review and approval by Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) letter LCV-1016-Q dated October 18, 2000. In that request for relief, SNC proposed an alternative to the ISI reporting requirements of the 1989 Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, IWA-6000, for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 1 and Unit 2, Second Ten-Year ISI Program. In response to an NRC inquiry regarding the proposed alternative for RR-38, SNC submitted a clarification to the NRC by letter LCV-1016-R dated February 16, 2001.

In RR-38, SNC requested NRC approval to allow the proposed alternative of maintaining the Code-required ISI summary report on site for NRC review upon request. As part of the proposed alternative, those items that require reporting to the NRC in order to bring a component into conformance with ASME Code, Section XI, criteria and those items otherwise required to be reported pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a would continue to be reported to the NRC. Reporting of any such items would be accomplished through separate formal correspondence to the NRC within the ninety (90) day timeframe currently required by the ASME Code, Section XI, requirements for the submittal of ISI summary reports. The proposed alternative provided an acceptable level of quality and safety.

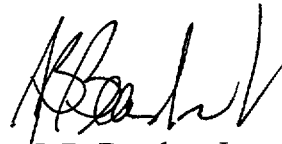
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Discussions with the NRC staff on March 27, 2001, indicated that the NRC wishes to continue to be provided with ISI summary reports or with forms currently included in ASME Section XI Code Case N-532. Request for Relief RR-38 was interpreted to request NRC approval for the use of the aforementioned Code Case. SNC does not wish to use the alternative reporting requirements of Code Case N-532 at this time, even though NRC has approved its use through Request for Relief RR-30. As a result, SNC hereby withdraws RR-38 and will continue to submit ISI summary reports to the NRC in accordance with ASME Code, Section XI, IWA-6230.

Should there be any questions in this regard, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



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