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Order For Interim Safeguards and Security Compensatory Measures
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 & 2
Licensee Response Pursuant to Sections III.B and III.C. of the Order

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated February 25, 2002, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) received the subject Order for Interim Safeguards and Security Compensatory Measures. SNC recognizes the modifications that this Order Sections III.B. and III.C. have made to the Operating Licenses for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP). In accordance with the Order and 10 CFR 50.4, SNC is submitting herein its Response to the Order for HNP within the requisite twenty days¹. As reflected in the attachment response, the twenty days allotted for the response required by Sections III.B. and III.C. of the Order have not been adequate for the completion of all the evaluation and analysis necessary for SNC to fully address all of the issues requiring a response. In accordance with the authority of the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) to "relax or rescind any of the ... conditions" set forth in Section III of the Order upon a showing of good cause, SNC requests permission to supplement its response as appropriate upon completion of these evaluations and analyses.

¹ Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) has submitted an Answer to the Order pursuant to Section IV of the Order and 10 CFR 2.202 under separate cover. SNC's Answer is incorporated by reference in this Response. In addition SNC has requested an extension of time in which to answer and to request a hearing relative to the Order pursuant to a letter dated March 18, 2002 from me to Samuel J. Collins Director, NRR.

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As presented in the Order, SNC has voluntarily and responsibly implemented significant additional security measures following the events of September 11, 2001. SNC recognizes the need for increased security awareness and augmented action in the present generalized U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission high-level threat environment. SNC will continue to meet the objectives of Security Level III described in NRC Information Notice 98-35, and maintain the effectiveness of existing security measures taken in response to the events of September 11, 2001.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.202(a)(2) for an Answer to an Order, the following affirmation is required:

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

Respectfully submitted,



H. L. Sumner, Jr.
Southern Nuclear Operating Company

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of March 2002.

Jan C. Edge
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7/27/05

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Enclosure: Response to Section III.B. and III.C. of the Order - Edwin I. Hatch
Nuclear Plant (Safeguards Information)

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