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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Request for Administrative Change:
Technical Specifications and Associated Bases
Conversion of Electronic Files
from
WordPerfect® for DOS Version 5.1 to Microsoft® Word 2000

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) is in the process of moving all licensing documents from the WordPerfect® for DOS Version 5.1 platform to the Microsoft® Word 2000 platform. This conversion effort is considered prudent based upon the following factors:

- A. Southern Company Information Resources (IR) no longer supports the WordPerfect® for DOS platform, since the current operating system for the Southern Company is Microsoft® Windows NT, which will soon be replaced with Microsoft® Windows XP. In fact, the Technical Specifications and Bases are the only documents maintained in a WordPerfect® format. These documents are maintained in Southern Company Services, Inc. (SCS) Publication Services in a stand-alone environment. The documents can be printed on only one local port printer. In addition, this printer is obsolete, and replacement parts are not available.
- B. The Technical Specifications and Bases for SNC's Plant Vogtle and Plant Farley are currently in a Microsoft® Word format. The Plant Vogtle Technical Specifications and Bases were converted from the WordPerfect® for DOS Version 5.1 platform to the Microsoft® Word. Thus, converting the Plant Hatch Technical Specifications and Bases makes the electronic maintenance of the documents consistent with the other SNC plants.

The process for converting the Technical Specifications and Bases involved the following steps:

1. The software automatically converted the electronic files from the original WordPerfect® for DOS Version 5.1 platform to the Microsoft® Word 2000 platform. The font was changed from Letter Gothic 12 to Arial 11, which is the font recommended in NEI 01-03, "Writer's Guide for the Improved Technical Specifications," dated November 2001.

The only visible changes to the Technical Specifications are the change in font, the revised line and page breaks that resulted from the change in font, and correction of a typographical

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error on Unit 1 and Unit 2 Figures 3.4.9-1, 3.4.9-2, and 3.4.9-3. The abbreviation "EPPY" was changed to "EFPY" to reflect the correct abbreviation for Effective Full Power Years. The text/content of the Technical Specifications was not altered.

In the conversion of the Bases, a few purely editorial corrections; e.g., punctuation and format, were made. The wording of the Bases was not altered.

3. The documents were proofed on a word-for-word basis, comparing the converted documents with the original documents, until all conversion errors were corrected. This process involved multiple, simultaneous proofs by SCS Publication Services and SNC Hatch Project personnel.

Based upon the information provided above, SNC requests the NRC to issue the enclosed Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications and Bases as an administrative change. A 10 CFR 50.92 evaluation and environmental assessment addressing the conversion of the Technical Specifications and Bases to the new electronic format is provided in Enclosure 1. The converted Technical Specifications and Bases pages are provided in Enclosures 2 and 3, respectively.

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

1. 10 CFR 50.92 Evaluation and Environmental Assessment
2. Converted Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications
3. Converted Unit 1 and Unit 2 Bases

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Enclosure 1

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10 CFR 50.92 Evaluation and Environmental Assessment

10 CFR 50.92 Evaluation

1. *Does the change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of a previously evaluated event?*

These changes are purely administrative in nature. The electronic format for the Technical Specifications and Bases is being changed from Wordperfect® for DOS Version 5.1 to Microsoft® Word 2000. The font changed from Letter Gothic 12 to Arial 11, which is the font recommended in NEI 01-03, "Writer's Guide for the Improved Technical Specifications." The new font resulted in revised line and page breaks, however, all Technical Specifications requirements remain the same. No Limiting Condition for Operation, Applicability, Required Action, Surveillance Requirement, or Definition changed as the result of this change. Thus, this administrative change does not result in an increase in the probability or consequences of a previously analyzed event.

2. *Do the proposed changes create the possibility of a new type event different from any previously evaluated.*

This change involves a conversion of the Technical Specifications and Bases from the WordPerfect® to Microsoft® Word 2000 electronic format and a change in font from Letter Gothic 12 to Arial 11. In addition, a typographical error on Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications Figures 3.4.9-1, 3.4.9-2, and 3.4.9-3 was corrected. No change to any Technical Specifications requirements is proposed. Thus, the possibility of a new type event is not introduced as the result of this change.

3. *Do the proposed changes involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety?*

The Technical Specifications and Bases are being converted from the WordPerfect® 5.1 electronic format to the Microsoft® Word 2000 electronic format, and the font is changing from Letter Gothic 12 to Arial 11. In addition, a typographical error on Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications Figures 3.4.9-1, 3.4.9-2, and 3.4.9-3 was corrected. No change to any Technical Specifications requirement is proposed. Thus, the margin of safety is not reduced.

Environmental Assessment

10 CFR 51.22(c)(9) provides criteria for identifying licensing and regulatory actions eligible for categorical exclusion from performing an environmental assessment. A proposed amendment to an operating license facility requires no environmental assessment provided:

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- (i) *the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration,*
- (ii) *there is no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, and*
- (iii) *there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.*

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) has determined that the proposed Technical Specifications change meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 50.22(c)(9). Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.22, no environmental impact statement needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the license amendment for the proposed change. The basis for this determination, using the above criteria, is as follows:

1. As demonstrated in this enclosure, the proposed change does not involve a significant hazards consideration.
2. The proposed change is purely administrative in nature and does not affect any radioactive waste processing or monitoring system, as well as any release requirement. Thus, there is no increase in site effluents due to this proposed Technical Specifications amendment.
3. The proposed Technical Specifications change is administrative in nature and does not alter site ALARA guidance and procedures designed to limit occupational exposure.

Enclosure 2

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Converted Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications

Enclosure 3

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