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Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D. C. 20555-0001

Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant

Answer to the Order for Compensatory Measures Related to Access Authorization

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.202(a)(2), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) provides herein its Answer to the January 7, 2003 Commission Order For Compensatory Measures Related to Access Authorization to modify the licenses of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant; the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant; and the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. This Answer is being transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission for filing. Also transmitted under separate cover to the Secretary of the Commission, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.4, is SNC's Response in accordance with Sections B and C of the Order.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

This letter includes no new commitments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. Beasley, Jr.", is written over a printed name.

J. B. Beasley, Jr.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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Southern Nuclear Operating Company)	Docket No. EA-02-261
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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant;)	50-321 50-366
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant;)	50-348 50-364
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant)	50-424 50-425
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LICENSEE'S ANSWER TO JANUARY 7, 2003
COMMISSION ORDER FOR COMPENSATORY MEASURES
RELATED TO ACCESS AUTHORIZATION
AT EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT;
JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT; AND
VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT

On January 7, 2003, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC" or "Commission") issued an immediately effective order in the captioned matter entitled Order Modifying Licenses (Effective Immediately)("Order") to, *inter alia*, Southern Nuclear Operating Company ("SNC"), in connection with the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant and the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. As a result of its consideration of licensees' access authorization programs as part of the comprehensive security review, the Commission determined that certain compensatory measures are required to be implemented by licensees as prudent measures to improve access authorization at operating power reactors. Therefore, the NRC stated it was imposing requirements as set forth in Attachment 2 of the Order.¹

SNC has responded to Attachment 2, Sections B and C of the Order in a letter dated January 27, 2003 in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.4 as directed by the Order. In its Response to the Order, SNC has advised the Commission that it has started implementation and/or developed a plan for achieving compliance with the requirements of Attachment 2, Sections B and C to the Order and has

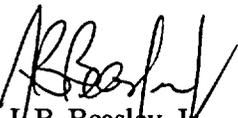
¹ Attachment 2 contained Safeguards Information and was not publicly released.

provided a schedule for achieving compliance with each requirement in accordance with the deadlines described in the Order.

Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202(d), SNC consents to the Order, subject to SNC's Response to the Order for Compensatory Measures Related to Access Authorization, which is submitted to the Secretary of the Commission concurrently with this Answer and is incorporated by reference herein.

Mr. J. B. Beasley, Jr. states he is a Vice President of Southern Nuclear Operating Company, 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.

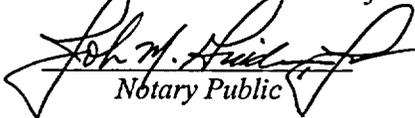
Respectfully submitted,



J. B. Beasley, Jr.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of JANUARY, 2003.



Notary Public

**NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: Nov 30, 2006
BONDED THRU NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERWRITERS**

My commission expires: _____

