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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant  
Withdrawal of Technical Specifications Change Request on  
Oscillating Power Range Monitor System

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On July 11, 2002 Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted to NRC a Technical Specifications (TS) change request regarding the Oscillating Power Range Monitor (OPRM) system. The submittal was supplemented with a response to a NRC request for additional information on August 19, 2003.

In the TS change request, SNC proposed eliminating the 120 day Completion Time for the OPRM system, as given in Required Action Statement (RAS) 3.3.1.1, I.2. The proposed RAS for an inoperable OPRM system was to be implementation of the alternate method for detection and suppression of thermal hydraulic instabilities. According to the proposed ACTION, operation with the alternate method in place would have been permitted for an indefinite period until the OPRM system was again operable.

On September 9, 2003 a teleconference was held between NRC and SNC personnel. In that discussion, NRC personnel stated that the TS amendment could be issued with the understanding that if the OPRM were to become inoperable, the affected Hatch unit would be required to enter LCO 3.0.3 due to the lack of an adequate ACTION statement. Because entry into LCO 3.0.3 is not the intended action on inoperability of the OPRM system, SNC hereby withdraws the above referenced TS change request.

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Mr. H. L. Sumner, 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.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

*H. L. Sumner*

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

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Notary Public

My commission expires: 11/10/06

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