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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2003-14
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On August 27, 2003, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-14 "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." RIS 2003-14 requests that addressees voluntarily submit estimates regarding operator licensing examinations. Enclosed with this letter, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) provides the requested information for the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP), the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP), and the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP).

The provided estimates are not commitments and may change. If there are questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J T Gasser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

J. T. Gasser

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Enclosures: NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for FNP, HNP and VEGP

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OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records Management Branch (T-6 E6) U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or by internet email to bjs1@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY

Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant Units 1 & 2

NRC REGION

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>	CY <u>2006</u>	CY <u>2007</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1	1	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>	CY <u>2006</u>	CY <u>2007</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		3	6	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT		8	6	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE		1		
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		01/10/2005	07/17/2006	
ALTERNATE DATE		02/07/2005	08/07/2006	

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2004				CY 2005			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES						12		

OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA

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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1 & 2

NRC REGION

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>	CY <u>2006</u>	CY <u>2007</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1		1

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>	CY <u>2006</u>	CY <u>2007</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		4		4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT		6		6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE		2		2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		05/2005		05/2007
ALTERNATE DATE		06/2005		06/2007

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2004				CY 2005			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	10							

OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA

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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 & 2

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>	CY <u>2006</u>	CY <u>2007</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1		1

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2004</u>	CY <u>2005</u>	CY <u>2006</u>	CY <u>2007</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		6		5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT		4		5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE		2		2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		11/2005		11/2007
ALTERNATE DATE		12/2005		12/2007

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2004				CY 2005			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		10						