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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Withdrawal of Request for Relaxation of Order EA-03-009

Ladies and Gentlemen:

NRC Order EA-03-009, issued February 11, 2003, established interim inspection requirements for reactor pressure vessel (RPV) heads at pressurized water reactors. On December 3, 2003, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a request for a one-time relaxation of the Order, to extend by one refueling outage the required interval for performance of non-visual, non-destructive examination (NDE) of the Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP) Unit 2 reactor pressure vessel (RPV) head penetration nozzles per Order item IV.C.(1)(b). Supplemental Information was provided in a letter from SNC dated January 30, 2004 which included proprietary information.

As a result of a conference call between SNC representatives and the NRC staff on February 23, 2004, SNC is withdrawing the request for relaxation. Please return, to SNC, the proprietary information provided in the SNC letter dated January 30, 2004.

(Affirmation and signature are on the following page).

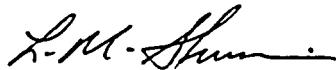
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Mr. L. M. Stinson states he is a Vice President of Southern Nuclear Operating Company, is authorized to execute this oath on behalf of Southern Nuclear Operating Company and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the facts set forth in this letter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

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

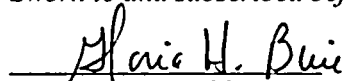
Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY



L. M. Stinson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of March, 2004.


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Notary Public

My commission expires: 6-9-05

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