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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
<u>Withdrawal of ISI Alternative</u>

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Southern Nuclear hereby withdraws its Request for ISI Alternative for Plant Hatch
Units 1 and 2 which was submitted by letter NL-05-2118 dated November 17, 2005.
This letter requested that the NRC approve an ISI alternative related to pressure testing
and visual examination of buried piping and components. Discussions regarding our
submittal were held with the NRC reviewer on June 2, 2006. During that discussion it
was determined that SNC would review the need for the requested alternative and that
the NRC would be advised of our final intent by July 14, 2006. On July 13 the NRR
Project Manager was verbally advised of our intent to withdraw the requested alternative.
This letter confirms our conversation.

As was discussed on the June 2, 2006 telecon, testing of some of the underground piping
systems may not yield useful data. Consequently, SNC plans to test these systems and
evaluate the data. However, if the testing does not yield meaningful results, an ISI
alternative may be requested based on hardship consistent with similar relief granted to
other licensees.

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

Sincerely,

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