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Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Nuclear Energy Institute Comments on NRC Supplemental Proposed Rule
Amending Limited Work Authorization Regulations

Dear Madame:

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC), the applicant on the Early Site Permit (ESP) application for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant site, has reviewed the Notice of Supplemental Proposed Rulemaking, issued October 17, 2006, entitled *Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants, NRC Supplemental Proposed Rule (71 FR 61330)*. Our review activities have been closely coordinated with those of the other members of NuStart Energy Development, LLC (NuStart) and the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). On November 16, 2006, NEI submitted comments on the supplemental proposed rule. SNC fully endorses the comments of NEI with no further comment. SNC believes that the supplemental proposed rule, as modified in accordance with the suggestions made in NEI's letter, will help to make the ESP process a more viable alternative for companies considering new plants, and will make new reactor licensing and construction substantially more effective and efficient.

Respectfully submitted,

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