

April 27, 2007

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of )  
 )  
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING CO. ) Docket No. 52-011-ESP  
 )  
(Early Site Permit for Vogtle ESP Site) )

NRC STAFF UPDATED ESTIMATE OF PROJECTED SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION

During the April 23, 2007, prehearing conference, the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("Staff") indicated that the schedule for the publication of the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") was undergoing a revision. The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Licensing Board") directed the Staff to file with the Licensing Board and the other parties, by the close of the week following the prehearing conference, the revised schedule for the publication of the Draft and Final EIS. The Staff herein provides that schedule.

DISCUSSION

The Staff has established the following revised schedule for its environmental review:

- (1) Draft EIS, Notice of Availability – September 14, 2007
- (2) Final EIS, Notice of Availability – July 3, 2008

The scheduling information concerning the Staff's safety review, which was provided in the Staff's March 23, 2007, filing has not changed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007

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