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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant <u>Response to Generic Letter 2003-01 – Control Room Habitability</u>

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On June 12, 2003, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 2003-01, "Control Room Habitability," requesting the submittal of information that demonstrates that the control room at each plant complies with the respective plant's current design and licensing bases, and applicable regulatory requirements, and that suitable design, maintenance, and testing control measures are in place to ensure continued compliance. By letter dated August 4, 2003, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a proposed alternative course of action, including a schedule and associated justification, for developing responses to GL 2003-01 information requests. The attachment to that letter provides SNC's response to GL 2003-01 information requests for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP). By letter dated June 16, 2004, SNC provided our response to GL 2003-01 information requests for VEGP.

During a telephone call on October 12, 2006, the NRC asked SNC to commit in writing the action to submit a proposed license amendment following NRC approval of the Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF)-448. By letter dated October 20, 2006, SNC informed the NRC that SNC is making a regulatory commitment to complete this action within one year after approval of TSTF-448. The Notice of Availability of Technical Specification Improvement to Modify Requirements Regarding Control Room Envelope Habitability Using the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process, incorporating TSTF-448 (rev. 3), was published in the Federal Register January 17, 2007. This would require SNC submitting a License Amendment request (LAR) by January 17, 2008.

SNC resources have been engaged in other emergent licensing activities that have precluded submittal of an LAR by January 17, 2008. A small amount of additional time is needed to finalize a submittal that correctly incorporates the Standard Technical Specification format of TSTF-448. This letter is notification of SNC's intent to reschedule the submittal for the TS change until February 28, 2008. The revised commitment is listed in Enclosure 1 to this letter. U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission NL-08-0028 Page 2

If you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

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- Enclosure: 1. Regulatory Commitment to the Response to Generic Letter 2003-01, Control Room Habitability
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Enclosure 1

Response to Generic Letter 2003-01 – Control Room Habitability Regulatory Commitment

Regulatory Commitment

The following table identifies those actions committed by Southern Nuclear Operating Company in this document for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. Any other statements in this submittal are provided for information purposes and are not considered to be regulatory commitments.

	Туре		Scheduled Completion Date (If Required)
Commitment	One-Time Action	Continuing Compliance	
Submit license amendment after NRC approval of TSTF- 448.	x		February 28, 2008