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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant  
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant  
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant

Request for Extension of the Three-Month Response to NRC Generic Letter  
2008-01, "Managing Gas Accumulation in Emergency Core Cooling,  
Decay Heat Removal, and Containment Spray Systems"

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 2008-01 to request that each licensee evaluate the licensing basis, design, testing, and corrective action programs for the emergency core cooling, decay heat removal, and the containment spray systems, to ensure that gas accumulation is maintained less than the amount that challenges operability of these systems, and that appropriate action is taken when conditions adverse to quality are identified.

The NRC requested that if a licensee cannot meet the requested response date, the licensee "shall provide a response within 3 months of the date of this GL." Based on an April 7, 2008 telecon between Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) Nuclear Licensing and Jared Wermiel of the NRC, a verbal approval for an extension of the three-month response was given and the new due date for the response is no later than May 30, 2008.

The date extension for the response was requested and approved based on:

- The short time frame between receipt of the NEI three-month response template and the due date of the response.
- To allow the SNC plants time to identify the actions which will be completed both prior to and after nine-months from the issuance date of the generic letter.
- The three-month response will be submitted no later than May 30, 2008.

Mr. D. H. Jones 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.

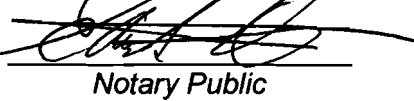
Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

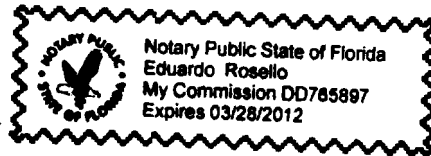


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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 08<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2008.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 03/28/2012



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