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**Vogtle Electric Generating Plant  
Withdrawal of Request to Revise Technical Specification  
Sections TS 5.5.9, "Steam Generator (SG) Program" and  
TS 5.6.10, "Steam Generator Tube Inspection Report"**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On November 30, 2007, Southern Nuclear Operating Company submitted a proposed license amendment request to revise Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 1 and 2 Technical Specification (TS) sections TS 5.5.9, "Steam Generator (SG) Program" and TS 5.6.10, "Steam Generator Tube Inspection Report." The request proposed a permanent alternate repair criteria to TS 5.5.9 to limit the inspection depth in the SG tube expansion zone, known as H\*/B\*. The proposed changes to TS 5.5.9 modify the inspection and plugging requirements for portions of SG tubes within the hot leg side of the tubesheet region of the SGs only. The proposed changes to TS 5.6.10 add requirements to report specific data related to indications, leakage detected, and calculated accident leakage.

On April 11, 2008, a teleconference was held with representatives from Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). During this teleconference, the NRC indicated that they planned to commit resources to process a denial of SNC's November 30, 2008 permanent license amendment request application. Based on this information, SNC is withdrawing the permanent license amendment request for the permanent alternate repair criteria and requests the NRC to provide the specific issues remaining to be resolved on the permanent amendment request. This submittal included proprietary information. Please return, to SNC, the proprietary information provided in the submittal.

The H\*/B\* approach remains a valid approach for addressing degradation in the lower portion of the SG tube. The industry has convened an expert panel reviewing key aspects of the H\* analysis and providing input towards the resolution of the remaining technical issues for approval of a permanent alternate repair criteria. SNC supports the use of an expert panel and requests the NRC


work with the industry and the expert panel in support of a permanent license amendment for addressing degradation in the lower portion of the SG tube.

Mr. T. E. Tynan 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.

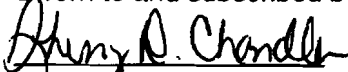
This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

  
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Vice President – Vogtle

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of April, 2008.

  
Notary Public

Notary Public, Burke County, Georgia  
My Commission Expires January 13, 2012

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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