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**SUBJECT: SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT – AMENDED NOTIFICATION OF LICENSED  
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Scott Meiklejohn has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. Phillip Capehart at (404) 562-4483, (Internet E-mail: [phillip.capehart@nrc.gov](mailto:phillip.capehart@nrc.gov)), or me at (404) 562-4550, (Internet E-mail: [malcolm.widmann@nrc.gov](mailto:malcolm.widmann@nrc.gov)).

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