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Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4 Combined License Application
Additional Financial Information

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter serves to document discussions with the NRC Staff regarding certain financial qualification information for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4 Combined License Application (COLA) that occurred on May 19, 2009. As a result, Southern Nuclear offers the following additional information:

1. The total cost of VEGP Units 3 & 4 consists of Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) costs, owner's costs, and financing costs. The EPC costs were based on detailed cost estimates performed by Shaw and Westinghouse for the standard AP1000 design and the site-specific design referenced in the COLA. The EPC cost estimate looked in detail at equipment cost, commodities cost, and labor costs. Owner's costs were estimated by Southern Nuclear. Those costs include cost of site development, licensing, owners' oversight activities, preparations of the plant operations staff, and other costs not covered by the EPC contract. The costs associated with financing were estimated by Georgia Power.
2. Detail is already provided in Part 1, Section 1.3 regarding "recovery of costs through rates." For convenience, this information is repeated below:

"[Georgia Power Company] GPC is subject to the jurisdiction of two rate regulatory authorities, the Georgia Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The output of VEGP Units 3 and 4 is expected to be sold to GPC retail customers; accordingly, GPC will include its proportionate share of the aforementioned costs as capital expenditure before the Georgia Public Service Commission and will earn a return on prudently incurred costs from its customers. The other plant Owners will recover their costs through rates and charges to their customers."

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Wes Sparkman at (205) 992-5061.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of June, 2009

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