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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1 and 2
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2009-11
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On July 16, 2009, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2009-11, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." RIS 2009-11 requests that addressees voluntarily submit estimates regarding operator licensing examinations. In the enclosure to this letter, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) provides the requested information on NRC Form 536 for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP), the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP) and the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP).

The provided estimates are not commitments and may change. If you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark J. Ajluni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. J. Ajluni
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- Enclosure 1: NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
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Enclosure 1

**NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data
for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant**

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 & 2	NRC REGION II
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>	CY <u>2012</u>	CY <u>2013</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>	CY <u>2012</u>	CY <u>2013</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		3	5	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		7	8	7
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		1	0	1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		06/06/2011	06/04/2012	06/03/2013
ALTERNATE DATE		06/20/2011	06/18/2012	06/17/2013

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>				CY <u>2011</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES				16				16

Enclosure 2

**NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data
for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant**

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>	CY <u>2012</u>	CY <u>2013</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>	CY <u>2012</u>	CY <u>2013</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	4	6	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	7	11	11	10
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	1	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	03/09/2010	05/09/2011	03/05/2012	03/11/2013
ALTERNATE DATE		05/16/2011	03/12/2012	03/18/2013

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>				CY <u>2011</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	17			17				16

Enclosure 3

**NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data
for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1 and 2**

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1 & 2	NRC REGION II
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>	CY <u>2012</u>	CY <u>2013</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>	CY <u>2012</u>	CY <u>2013</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	2	12	12	12
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	8	8	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	1	1	1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	02/22/2010	03/14/2011	03/19/2012	03/19/2013
ALTERNATE DATE		03/21/2011	03/26/2012	03/26/2013

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>				CY <u>2011</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES				20				20

Enclosure 4

**NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data
for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4**

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4	NRC REGION II
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>	CY <u>2012</u>	CY <u>2013</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	2
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>	CY <u>2012</u>	CY <u>2013</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	0	0	30
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	0	0	70
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE				07/17/2013 *
ALTERNATE DATE				10/16/2013

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2010</u>				CY <u>2011</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		20		20		20		20

* Two written exams are requested: 07/17/2013 and 12/11/2013.