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In the Matter of
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING CO.
(Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4)
Docket Nos. 52-025-COL and 52-026-COL

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its Memorandum and Order dated August 17, 2009,¹ the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (“Board”) directed the NRC staff to provide by August 31 its projected schedule for completion of the environmental portion of its review. At this time, the staff is still in the process of developing that schedule, and for that reason its anticipated completion date for the COL environmental review is still designated as “To Be Determined.” However, the staff anticipates that it will be able to issue its projected environmental review schedule, and will promptly so inform the Licensing Board and parties, by September 18, 2009. If the staff cannot issue its

¹ *Southern Nuclear Operating Co.* (Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 & 4), ML092290748 (Aug. 17, 2009) (unpublished order).

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schedule by that date, the staff will provide a status report on or before that date to notify the Licensing Board and parties of when the environmental review schedule will be available.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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