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Mr. Mark J. Ajluni
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Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
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Birmingham, Alabama 35201

SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 – ACCEPTANCE
OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL
RESPONSE RE: RELIEF REQUEST VEGP-ISI-ALT-04 (TAC NOS. ME2226
AND ME2227)

Dear Mr. Ajluni:

By letter September 9, 2009 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML092520157), Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (SNC, the licensee), submitted a relief request for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. The proposed relief request would align the Unit 1 and Unit 2 Class CC testing schedules. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this relief request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(a)(3)(i) and 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed alternatives would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or that compliance with the specified requirements of Section 50.55a would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and the supplemental information dated October 26, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML093000084), and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1864.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna N. Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "W".

Donna N. Wright, Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch II-1
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
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