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

Dear Administrative Judges:

By letter dated January 15, 2010, the NRC staff ("Staff") informed the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") and parties that, by January 29, 2010, it would provide its projected environmental review schedule or a status report on when that schedule would be available. The environmental review schedule is now available. The Staff intends to issue the draft COL supplement to the ESP Final Environmental Impact Statement on May 7, 2010 (DSEIS). The Staff intends to issue the final COL supplement to the ESP Final Environmental Impact Statement on February 18, 2011 (FSEIS).

In addition, by Order dated January 21, 2010, the Board requested that the Staff identify which chapter of the Advanced Safety Evaluation Report (SER) is likely to concern low-level radioactive waste storage and provide the best estimate of the date on which that chapter will be issued. Chapter 11 of the Advanced SER will contain the Staff's safety analysis concerning

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low-level radioactive waste storage. The Staff now anticipates that it will issue Chapter 11 no later than mid-March 2010, assuming its companion chapter for the safety review of the AP1000 DCD has been issued by that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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