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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:

By Order dated March 16, 2010, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") requested that the NRC staff ("Staff") provide notice of the issuance of Chapter 11 of the Advanced Safety Evaluation Report (SER), including its ADAMS accession number, promptly after its release. As noted in the Board's Order, the Staff had previously informed the Board and parties that it expected to issue the document by mid-March 2010. However, to ensure consistency with the companion chapter for the safety review of the AP1000 DCD amendment, the Staff now anticipates issuing Chapter 11 of the Vogtle Advanced SER in mid-April (before April 21st). As requested, the Staff will notify the Board and parties promptly after its release.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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Southern Nuclear Operating Co.) Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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