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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 letter dated March 22, 2010, the NRC staff ("Staff") informed the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") and parties requested that it expected to issue Chapter 11 of the Vogtle COL Advanced Safety Evaluation Report (SER) in mid-April (before April 21st). However, to ensure consistency with the companion chapter for the safety review of the AP1000 DCD amendment, a chapter whose issuance schedule has been delayed, the Staff now does not anticipate that Chapter 11 of the Vogtle Advanced SER will be issued before June 2010. As the Board has previously requested, the Staff will notify the Board and parties promptly after its release, or if there are further changes to the anticipated schedule for issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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