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**Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant - Unit 2
Withdrawal of Relief Request ISI-RR-04
Proposed in Accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(5)(iii)**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated July 8, 2010 (ML101890572), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted relief requests for the Fourth 10-Year Inservice Inspection Interval. By letter dated October 22, 2010 (ML102860083) the NRC requested information in support of the review of the relief requests. SNC responded by letter dated November 23, 2010 (ML103280372).

By letter dated February 23, 2010 (ML110460476) the NRC requested additional information to complete their review. For Relief Request ISI-RR-04, the NRC stated (in part):

“Please discuss whether plans are in place to increase the creditable coverage of this weld by means such as extending the overlay or performing a Supplement 11 qualification demonstration on a site-specific mockup and if not, then why not?”

SNC responded with the following statement in a March 22, 2011 (ML110820261) letter. “Due to the significant lack of coverage for Appendix VIII examinations, this weld is scheduled to receive an overlay prior to the end of the 4th Inservice Inspection Interval which ends December 31, 2015.”

Subsequently, during a telephone conversation on May 12, 2011 SNC indicated to the NRC that, since the subject weld will be overlaid, Relief Request ISI-RR-04 will be withdrawn. By this letter, SNC withdraws Relief Request ISI-RR-04 for Unit 2.


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This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Stringfellow at (205) 992-7037.

Respectfully submitted,



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