

May 3, 2011

APPLICANT: Southern Nuclear Operating Company

PROJECT: Vogtle Combined License Application for Units 3 and 4

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF A MEETING TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY PLANS AN EXEMPTION REQUEST FROM REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 50.10 FOR ITS COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT PROPOSED UNITS 3 AND 4

On February 9, 2011, the staff from the Office of New Reactors conducted a public meeting at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters with the staff from Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) regarding Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) proposed Units 3 and 4. The focus of the meeting was to discuss SNC's potential submittal of an exemption request from requirements of 10 CFR 50.10(a)(1) for its limited work authorization (LWA) request in conjunction with its already submitted combined license (COL) application. The exemption if granted would allow for placement of nuclear island reinforced bar before COL receipt and without a limited work authorization.

During the meeting, SNC provided the staff with a presentation of its proposal to an exemption request under the COL docket. SNC stated that its exemption request would be in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12 and 10 CFR 52.7 and it is seeking exemption from 10 CFR 50.10 (a)(1). SNC also discussed with the staff its construction schedule for proposed Units 3 and 4 and provided the staff with timeframes for when NRC approval for the exemption would be needed. SNC expressed that its purpose in seeking an exemption was to maintain continuity of work with it previously requested LWA under the VEGP Early Site Permit application, as well as to minimize additional costs due to potential delays in its construction schedule.

The staff asked several questions of SNC regarding its approach for justifying the exemption. The staff stated that given the NRC's understanding of regulation it was not sure how the exemption request is justified.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the staff stated that it still needed to assure itself that the regulations allow for SNC's proposal for the exemption request and that the resources exist to complete the exemption review.

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To discuss an Exemption Request from Requirements of 10 CFR 50.10
February 9, 2011**

List of Attendees

Name	Organization
Ravindra Joshi	NRO/DNRL/NWE1
Jeffrey Cruz	NRO/DNRL/NWE1
Manny Comar	NRO/DSER/NWE1
Mallecia Sutton	NRO/DSER/RAP1
Patrick Moulding	NRC/OGC
Jerry Wilson	NRO/NRGA
Ann Hodgdon	NRC/OGC
Frank Akstulewicz	NRO/DNRL/DDLO
Rebecca Karas	NRO/DSER
Chris Cook	NRO/DSER
Mike brown	NRO/DCIP/LIPB
David Ayers*	NRC/Region II
Brandon Waites	Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC)
Chuck Pierce	SNC
Wes Sparkman	SNC
Stan Blanton	SNC
Stan Thomason	SNC
Howard Mahan	SNC

*----Via phone

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- 1:00 p.m. Introduction/Opening remark by the NRC
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by SNC on its plans for an exemption
- 3:00 p.m. Discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn