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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2011-04
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 25, 2011, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2011-04, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." RIS 2011-04 requests that addressees voluntarily submit estimates regarding operator licensing examinations. In the enclosures to this letter, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) provides the requested information on NRC Form 536 for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP), the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP), and the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP).

The provided estimates may change.

This letter contains no NRC Commitments. If you have any questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

1. NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant
2. NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
3. NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant

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**Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
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Enclosure 1

**NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data
for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant**

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY

E. I. HATCH

NRC REGION

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	6	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	9	8	8	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	2	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	09/02/2013	06/16/2014	06/22/2016	06/20/2016
ALTERNATE DATE	09/16/2013	07/07/2014	07/06/2015	07/11/2016

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>				CY <u>2014</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	16

**Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
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Enclosure 2

**NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data
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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant Units 1 & 2

NRC REGION

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	10	8	8	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	10	10	10	10
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	2	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	06/24/2013	06/23/2014	06/22/2015	06/20/2016
ALTERNATE DATE	06/17/2013	06/16/2014	06/15/2015	06/27/2016

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>				CY <u>2014</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	20	0	0	0	20	0	0	0

**Vogtle Electric Generating Plant
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Enclosure 3

**NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data
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EXAMINATION DATA**

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	8	10	10	10
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	13	10	10	10
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	1	1	1	1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	03/25/2013	03/24/2014	03/23/2015	03/28/2016
ALTERNATE DATE	04/01/2013	03/31/2014	03/30/2015	04/04/2016

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>				CY <u>2014</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	20