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Southern Nuclear Operating Company  
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4  
Withdrawal of License Amendment and Exemption:  
Additional Containment Electrical Penetration Assemblies (LAR-12-005)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated April 23, 2012, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4 combined licenses (COLs) (License Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92, respectively). The proposed amendment would depart from VEGP Units 3 and 4 COLs Appendix C plant-specific material and plant-specific Design Control Document (DCD) Tier 1 and Tier 2 material with the addition of four new non-Class 1E electrical penetration assemblies (EPAs).

On May 22, 2012, the NRC informed SNC that the LAR does not request approval of certain Tier 2 changes as required by 10 CFR 52, Appendix D, Section VIII.B.5.a and does not contain technical information in sufficient detail to support approval of those Tier 2 changes. SNC has reviewed the provisions identified by the NRC and agrees that additional information is warranted. As such, SNC requests withdrawal of the LAR and associated exemption request from NRC review pursuant to 10 CFR 2.107. SNC intends to resubmit the amendment request and associated exemption request with additional technical information to support a requested approval of the Tier 1, corresponding COL, and involved Tier 2 changes.

SNC is notifying the State of Georgia of this LAR withdrawal by transmitting a copy of this letter to the designated State Official.

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This letter contains no NRC commitments. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wesley A. Sparkman at (205) 992-5061.

Mr. C. R. Pierce states that he is the Regulatory Affairs Director of Southern Nuclear Operating Company, is authorized to execute this oath on behalf of Southern Nuclear Operating Company and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the facts set forth in this letter are true.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

*Charles R. Pierce*

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CRP/TEA/dmw

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012

Notary Public: Dana Mari Williams

My commission expires: 12/01/2014

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: Dec 1, 2014  
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