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Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On June 8, 2012, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2012-07, "*Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations*" which requested that licensees voluntarily submit their projections of their site-specific operator licensing examination schedules as well as the estimated number of applicants planning to take operator licensing and generic fundamentals examinations. Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) hereby provides the requested information on NRC Form 536 for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 (HNP), the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 (FNP), and the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1 and 2 (VEGP), as enclosures to this letter. The estimates provided represent SNC's current understanding but are subject to possible change in the future.

This letter does not contain NRC commitments or proprietary information. If you have any questions regarding the material of this submittal, please contact Mr. B. D. McKinney at 205-992-5982.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark J. Ajluni".

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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 Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to Infocollects.Resource@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.

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Plant E. I. Hatch

NRC REGION
II

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2014	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	2	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2015	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	5	5	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	10	4	5	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	1	1	0	1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	03/09/2015	12/07/2015	12/05/2016	09/04/2017
ALTERNATE DATE	03/23/2015	12/14/2015	12/12/2016	09/18/2017

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2014				CY 2015			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		10				10		

**Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
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Enclosure 2

**NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data
for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant**

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FACILITY Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant Units 1 & 2	NRC REGION II
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2014</u>	<u>CY 2015</u>	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2017</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	<u>CY 2014</u>	<u>CY 2015</u>	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2017</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	8	8	8	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	10	10	10	10
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	2	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	10/06/2014	10/05/2015	10/03/2016	10/02/2017
ALTERNATE DATE	10/13/2014	10/12/2015	10/10/2016	10/16/2017

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2014</u>				<u>CY 2015</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		20				20		

**Vogtle Electric Generating Plant
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Enclosure 3

**NRC Form 536
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for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant**

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EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1, 2	NRC REGION II
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</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>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	2	10	10	10
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	11	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	03/24/14 to 04/11/14	04/06/15 to 05/01/15	04/18/16 to 05/13/16	04/17/17 to 05/12/17
ALTERNATE DATE	03/31/14 to 04/18/14	04/13/15 to 05/08/15	04/25/16 to 05/20/16	04/24/17 to 05/19/17

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>				CY <u>2015</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES				20				20