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> Southern Nuclear Operating Company Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4 Response to Request for Additional Information Letter No. 01 <u>Related to License Amendment Request (LAR-12-002)</u>

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.90, by letter dated February 24, 2012 (ML120650172), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted license amendment request (LAR) 12-002 to amend the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4 combined licenses (COLs) (License Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92, respectively). During the course of the review of this LAR, the NRC staff identified the need for additional information to continue portions of the review. The NRC's request for additional information (RAI) was provided to SNC in RAI Letter No. 01 related to LAR-12-002, dated September 7, 2012 (ML12251A355). The enclosure to this letter provides the requested response to the subject RAI.

The RAI cover letter requested conforming final safety analysis report (FSAR) changes to be included with the responses. Any conforming FSAR changes resulting from the approved TS changes will be implemented concurrent with the license amendment implementation using the appropriate licensee control processes. TS and Bases changes resulting from the RAI responses are included in RAI response Enclosure.

The revisions included with certain RAI responses do not alter the validity of the original conclusion of significant hazards considerations performed in accordance with 10 CFR 50.92 for the LAR-12-002 submittal.

This letter contains a revision to previous regulatory commitments. Refer to the Enclosure for details.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wesley A. Sparkman at (205) 992-5061.

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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

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One CD is included in this submission enclosure and it is labeled "Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4 Response to Request for Additional Information Letter No. 01 Related to License Amendment Request LAR-12-002, ND-12-2015 Enclosure."