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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 – REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (TAC NOS. ME9470 AND ME9471)

Dear Mr. Ajluni:

By letter dated August 31, 2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML12248A037), Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (SNC or the licensee), submitted a license amendment request to revise Technical Specifications (TSs) 3.6.6, 3.7.5, 3.8.1, 3.8.9, and TS Example 1.3-3 by eliminating second completion times in accordance with TS Task Force Traveler (TSTF)-439, "Eliminate Second Completion Times Limiting Time from Discovery of Failure to Meet an LCO [Limiting Condition of Operation]." The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff finds that additional information is needed as set forth in the enclosure.

Please provide the additional information within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Martin".

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425

Enclosure: Request for additional Information

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
VOTGLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY
DOCKET NOS. 50-424 AND 50-425

By letter dated August 31, 2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML12248A037), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee), submitted a license amendment request regarding the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 1 and 2 (VEGP) Technical Specifications (TSs). The proposed amendment would revise VEGP TSs 3.6.6, 3.7.5, 3.8.1, 3.8.9, and TS Example 1.3-3 by eliminating second completion times from the TSs in accordance with TS Task Force Traveler (TSTF) 439, "Eliminate Second Completion Times Limiting Time from Discovery of Failure to Meet an LCO." In addition, the proposed amendment will make an administrative revision to TS 3.6.6 by removing an obsolete note associated with condition A.

Basis for the Request

In its application, the licensee proposed eliminating second completion times from the TS and revising TS Example 1.3-3 to read:

... there shall be administrative controls to limit the maximum time allowed for any combination of Conditions that result in a single contiguous occurrence of failing to meet the LCO. These administrative controls shall ensure that the Completion Times for those Conditions are not inappropriately extended.

Request for Additional Information

Describe the administrative controls that are referenced in the above paragraph. Also include in your response when these administrative controls will be implemented.

Regulatory Analysis Basis

10 CFR 50.90, Application for amendment of license, construction permit, or early site permit states:

"Whenever a holder of a license, including a construction permit and operating license under this part, and an early site permit, combined license, and manufacturing license under part 52 of this chapter, desires to amend the license or permit, application for an amendment must be filed with the Commission, as specified in §§ 50.4 or 52.3 of this chapter, as applicable, fully describing the changes desired, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications."

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