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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Unit 1  
Seismic Recommendation 2.3 Walkdown Report Requested by NRC Letter,  
*Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations  
50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task  
Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Daiichi  
Accident, dated March 12, 2012*

- Reference: 1. NRC Letter, *Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Daiichi Accident*; dated March 12, 2012.
2. Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Report 1025286, *Seismic Walkdown Guidance: For Resolution of Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3: Seismic*, dated June 2012.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On March 12, 2012, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Reference 1 to all power reactor licensees and holders of construction permits in active or deferred status. Enclosure 3 of Reference 1 requests licensees to perform seismic walkdowns using an NRC-endorsed walkdown methodology. The NRC requested information for the following purposes:

- to gather information with respect to NTF Recommendation 2.3, as amended by staff requirements memorandum (SRM) associated with SECY-11-0124 and SECY-11-0137.
- to request licensees to develop a methodology and acceptance criteria for seismic walkdowns to be endorsed by the NRC staff.
- to request licensees to perform seismic walkdowns using the NRC-endorsed seismic walkdown methodology.
- to identify and address degraded, nonconforming, or unanalyzed conditions through the corrective action program.

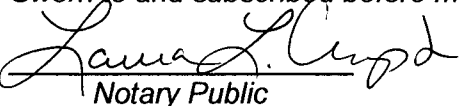
- to verify the adequacy of licensee monitoring and maintenance procedures.

Enclosure 3 of Reference 1 requires each addressee to submit its final response within 180 days of the NRC's endorsement of Reference 2 of this letter. This letter provides Southern Nuclear Operating Company's 180 day response to Reference 1 for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Unit 1. Enclosure 1 of this letter contains the seismic walkdown report as required by Reference 1.

All walkdowns could not be completed due to the location of equipment in inaccessible areas. The walkdowns will be completed by the end of the next refueling outage, currently scheduled for the Spring of 2014. The walkdown report will be submitted to the NRC within 120 days after the completion of that outage.

The NRC commitments contained in this letter are provided as a table in Enclosure 2. If you have any questions, please contact Ken McElroy at (205) 992-7369.

Mr. Mark Ajluni states he is Nuclear Licensing 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.  
  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 11-2-2013

Respectfully submitted,



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- Enclosures: 1. Hatch Unit 1 Seismic Walkdown Report for Resolution of Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3: Seismic
2. Commitment Table

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