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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 - ISSUANCE OF
AMENDMENT AND EXEMPTION RE: CHANGES TO TURBINE BUILDING
ECCENTRIC AND CONCENTRIC BRACING (LAR 13-005) (TAC NOS. RP9442
AND RP9443)

Dear Mr. Ivey:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed exemption and Amendment No. 8 to Combined Licenses Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, respectively. The amendment consists of changes to various sections of the updated final safety analysis report (UFSAR) for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (including the plant-specific Tier 1 Section 3.3) and the Sections 1.4 and 3.3 of Appendix C to the Facility Combined Licenses (COLs) in response to your application dated February 8, 2013 and supplemented by the letter dated February 15, 2013.

The exemption allows the implementation of changes to the Generic Tier 1 information as specified in License Amendment Request 13-005. The amendment departs from the UFSAR Tier 1 Section 3.3 and revises Sections 1.4 and 3.3 included in Appendix C of each of the VEGP Units 3 and 4 COLs.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation, which includes the evaluation of the amendment and exemption, is also enclosed. The notice of issuance of the amendment and the exemption documents included in this letter will be published in the *Federal Register*.

Sincerely,

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Docket No(s): 52-025 and 52-026

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