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Subject: Acceptance review for March 24, 2014, Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant- Unit 1 and Unit 2, Alternative Request (TAC Nos. MF3687 and MF3688)

By letter dated March 24, 2014, (ADAMS Accession No. ML14084A203), Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., requested an alternative to ASME Code Section XI, 2001 Edition through the 2003 Addenda for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, (FNP) Unit 1 and Unit 2. The proposed alternative would allow ASME dissimilar metal welds to be examined once every six refueling outages based on a nominal cycle length of approximately 1.5 calendar years. The licensee submitted the request pursuant to Section 50.55a(a)(3)(i) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which requires the applicant to demonstrate that the proposed alternative would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety.

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the request has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your request and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to continue its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified in "requests for additional information" despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (301) 415-1009.

Sincerely,
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