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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 and 2
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2014-05
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 29, 2014, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2014-05, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." RIS 2014-05 requests that licensees voluntarily submit projections of their site-specific operator licensing examination schedules as well as the estimated number of applicants planning to take operator licensing and generic fundamental examinations for years 2016-2019.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) hereby provides as enclosures to this letter the requested information on NRC form 536 for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2, Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2, and Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 and 2. The estimates provided represent SNC's current understanding, but are subject to possible change in the future.

This letter does not contain NRC commitments or proprietary information. If you have any questions regarding the material of this submittal, please contact Mr. G. K. McElroy at 205-992-7369.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. R. Pierce".

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Enclosures:

1. NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
2. NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
3. NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 and 2

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**Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
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Enclosure 1

**NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2**

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to infocollect.Resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NE08-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant Units 1 & 2

NRC REGION
II

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>16</u>	CY <u>17</u>	CY <u>18</u>	CY <u>19</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>16</u>	CY <u>17</u>	CY <u>18</u>	CY <u>19</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	6	6	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	7	5	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	1	1	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		04/03/2017	10/01/2018	
ALTERNATE DATE		04/10/2017	10/08/2018	

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>16</u>				CY <u>17</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES						12		

**Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
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Enclosure 2

**NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2**

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY Plant E. I. Hatch	NRC REGION II
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY <u>2018</u>	CY <u>2019</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY <u>2018</u>	CY <u>2019</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	7	6	7	7
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	5	4	4	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	2	1	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	06/20/2016	09/18/2017	06/18/2018	06/17/2019
ALTERNATE DATE	06/27/2016	09/25/2017	06/25/2018	06/24/2019

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>				CY <u>2017</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	15	0	0	12	0	0	12	0

**Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 and 2
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Enclosure 3

**NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 and 2**

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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NRC REGION
II

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2017</u>	<u>CY 2018</u>	<u>CY 2019</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2017</u>	<u>CY 2018</u>	<u>CY 2019</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	8	8	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	8	8	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	2	2	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	NA	4/10/2017	9/17/2018	NA
ALTERNATE DATE	NA	4/17-4/24/2017	9/24-10/1/2018	NA

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2016</u>				<u>CY 2017</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES						16		