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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LETTER NO. 04 RELATED TO
FUKUSHIMA NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION 4.2, "MITIGATION
STRATEGIES FOR BEYOND-DESIGN-BASIS EXTERNAL EVENTS"
FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4
COMBINED LICENSES**

Dear Mr. Ivey:

On March 12, 2012, the NRC staff issued Order EA-12-049, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events." Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) responded to Order EA-12-049 by letter dated August 22, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13235A228). As part of the response, the licensee submitted a non-proprietary Westinghouse report, APP-GW-GLR-171, "AP1000 FLEX Integrated Plan". A proprietary version of APP-GW-GLR-171 was also submitted as an attachment to the August 22, 2013 letter and designated as APP-GW-GLR-170 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13235A229.)

In the course of reviewing the August 22, 2013 response to Order EA-12-049 the NRC staff has identified the need for additional information. The request for additional information (RAI) is enclosed. Please respond to this RAI within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, you may contact me at 301-415-1439 or david.jaffe@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NO. 04

Vogtle Nuclear Site, Units 3 and 4

Operating Company: Southern Nuclear Operating Co.

Docket No. 52-0025 and 52-0026

Fukushima NTTF 4.2 - NRC ORDER EA-12-049

QUESTIONS

Commission Order EA-12-049 requires the licensee to address the requirement of maintaining or restoring core cooling in the final phase for mitigating beyond-design-basis external events. The response, provided in a letter dated August 22, 2013, appears to assume the automatic depressurization system (ADS) has actuated before entering the final phase. Section 6.3.7.7 of the FSAR states if the plant does not need actuation of ADS the operators are directed to de-energize all loads on the 24-hour batteries, blocking actuation of ADS and allowing for its actuation later should plant conditions degrade. This later time is undefined, which has caused staff to question whether the passive residual heat removal heat exchanger is credited for core decay heat removal entering the final phase, or if ADS has been actuated prior to entering the final phase. Additionally, Table 3.11-1 of the FSAR provides environmentally qualified electrical and mechanical equipment required operating times of 24 hours for ADS stages 1-3 and 72 hours for ADS stage 4, which has caused staff to question the availability of the ADS system to actuate beyond their specified operating times. NRC staff is requesting the following information:

- a) What method of core cooling is credited entering the final phase?
- b) Do the applicable Equipment Qualifications cover de-energizing, re-energizing, and firing of the ADS system? If not, how is the availability of ADS assured beyond the operating times specified in Table 3.11-1 of the FSAR?