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Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4
Supplement 4 to Request for License Amendment and Exemption Regarding
Passive Core Cooling System (PXS) Condensate Return (LAR-13-024S4)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated April 11, 2014, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC), the licensee for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, requested an amendment to Combined License (COL) Numbers NPF-91 and NPF-92, for VEGP Units 3 and 4, respectively [ML14101A459]. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 52.63(b)(1), SNC also requested an exemption from elements of the design as certified in the 10 CFR Part 52, Appendix D, design certification rule for the plant-specific DCD Tier 1 material departures.

The proposed amendment would revise the plant-specific Tier 2 material and involved Tier 1 material to describe an increase in the efficiency of the return of condensate utilized by the passive core cooling system (PXS) to the in-containment refueling water storage tank (IRWST) to support the capability for long term cooling.

This departure request has followed the lead of, and been maintained consistent with, the departure request initially submitted by Progress Energy for the Levy Nuclear Plant (LNP), Units 1 and 2, on February 7, 2014 (Docket Nos. 52-029 and 52-030). Approval of the LNP request was, until recently, anticipated in late 2014, and SNC had requested approval of the VEGP Units 3 & 4 proposed amendment by April 11, 2015. Recent events have pushed the anticipated approval of the lead LNP request into 2015. As such, SNC has re-assessed the date by which this proposed amendment is needed in order to support VEGP Units 3 & 4 construction. Consistent with that re-assessment, SNC now requests this proposed amendment to be approved by September 1, 2015.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, SNC is notifying the State of Georgia of this License Amendment Request (LAR) supplement by transmitting a copy of this letter to the designated State Official.

This letter contains no regulatory commitments.

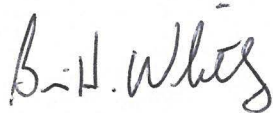
The change in the requested approval date for this proposed amendment does not impact the actual proposed changes in the License Amendment Request, nor the technical content included with the request, nor the exemption request.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jason Redd at (205) 992-6435.

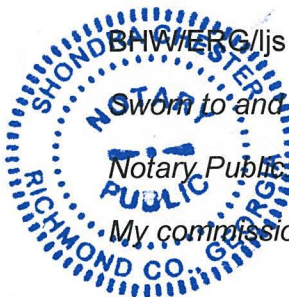
Mr. Brian H. Whitley states that: he is the Regulatory Affairs Director of Southern Nuclear Operating Company; he is authorized to execute this oath on behalf of Southern Nuclear Operating Company; and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the facts set forth in this letter are true.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY



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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of December, 2014

Notary Public

My commission expires: My Commission Expires April 3, 2018

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