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Mr. Brian H. Whitley, Director
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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 – ISSUANCE
OF AMENDMENT NO. 41 AND GRANTING OF EXEMPTION RE: PIPING LINE
NUMBER ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITY
RE-DESIGNATION (TAC NO. RP9479)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

In response to your application dated October 16, 2014, and supplemented by the letters dated May 14 and August 24, 2015; the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted the enclosed Exemption and issued the enclosed Amendment No. 41 to Combined Licenses (COL) Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, respectively. The amendment consists of changes related to line number information in Tier 1, and promotes consistency with the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, Tier 2 information for VEGP Units 3 and 4.

The exemption allows a departure from elements of the certified information in Tier 1 of the AP1000 Certified Design Control Document (DCD), as specified in License Amendment Request 13-031. The amendment authorizes changes to the COL by making changes to the Automatic Depressurization System, Passive Containment Cooling System, Passive Core Cooling System, Normal Residual Heat Removal System, Containment Air Filtration System, Spent Fuel Pool Cooling System, and Sanitary Discharge System piping line numbers, and making changes to the corresponding plant-specific DCD Tier 1 information.

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
52-026

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