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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. 42 AND GRANTING OF EXEMPTION RE: CA04 STRUCTURAL MODULE INSPECTION, TEST, ANALYSIS, AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA DIMENSIONS CHANGE (CAC NO. RP9518)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

In response to your application dated September 18, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted the enclosed Exemption and issued the enclosed Amendment No. 42 to Combined Licenses 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 Tier 1 information in the AP1000 Certified Design Control Document (DCD) and Appendix C of the Facility Combined Licenses (COL).

The proposed changes impact Tier 1 of the Plant-Specific DCD and Appendix C of the COL as specified in License Amendment Request 15-015. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment No. 42, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

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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