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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Report of Changes to Emergency Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q)(5) and 10 CFR 72.44(f), Southern Nuclear Operating Company hereby submits descriptions of changes to the Plant Farley and Plant Hatch Emergency Plans and a summary of the analysis demonstrating that the changes do not reduce the effectiveness of either plan and the plans, as changed, continue to meet the requirements in 10 CFR 50 Appendix E and the planning standards of 10 CFR 50.47(b).

Description of Changes and Summary of Analysis

The Plant Farley Emergency Plan communications equipment was improved by a design change to add back-up battery power to the plant emergency alarm and public address system. This change was evaluated in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q)(3) and it was determined that adding back-up power supplies was an enhancement to the existing communications equipment, and as such, did not reduce the effectiveness of the Farley Emergency Plan.

The Plant Hatch Emergency Plan was revised to clarify and align Emergency Action Levels (EALs), Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs), and Severe Accident Guidelines (SAGs) in conformance with NRC Emergency Planning FAQ 2015-004. The NRC's position as stated in the FAQ is: "...NRC recommends that in certain cases it may be advantageous to align EALs and EOPs such that plant operators can readily implement both when needed." Specifically, Plant Hatch procedure NMP-EP-110 GL02 was revised to clarify the primary containment barrier threshold and direct operators to enter into SAGs when reactor water level cannot be restored and a core melt sequence is in progress. This change was evaluated in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q)(3) and it was determined that the revised procedure provides increased clarity and alignment of the EOPs and

SAGs, and as such, did not reduce the effectiveness of the Hatch Emergency Plan.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions, please contact Ken McElroy at (205) 992-7369.

Respectfully submitted,



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