

June 9, 2016

Mr. Brian H. Whitley, Director
Regulatory Affairs
42 Inverness Center Parkway
BIN B237
Birmingham, AL 35242

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST
(PAR 16-003), "COLUMN LINE N ITAAC DIMENTION CHANGE" FOR THE
VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 (CAC NO. RT5002)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated May 17, 2016, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 16-003 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML16158A315) notifying the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that absent NRC objection, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of License Amendment Request (LAR) 16-003 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16138A431), SNC will proceed with concrete placement to Elevation 100'-0" for the column line N wall in the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3 auxiliary building in accordance with the increased concrete wall thickness tolerance change proposed in the plant-specific Tier 1 (and associated Appendix C) and Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) descriptions in LAR 16-003 to minimize potential construction delays for Unit 3 during the NRC's evaluation of the related LAR 16-003.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1) the NRC has received LAR 16-003, referenced in PAR 16-003. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 16-003 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 16-003 for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML16155A329).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 16-003 contained sufficient information on the impact of the proposed plant change on associated Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria. In addition, the NRC staff reviewed the scope of PAR 16-003 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 16-003. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant change identified in PAR 16-003, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 16-003. SNC acknowledges that if LAR 16-003 is denied, SNC will return the plant to its current licensing basis as required by License Condition 2.D.(1)(b).

B. H. Whitley

- 2 -

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the Project Manager, Chandu Patel, at 301-415-3025 or via e-mail at Chandu.Patel@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,
/RA/

Francis M. Akstulewicz, Director
Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of New Reactors

Docket Nos.: 52-025
52-026

cc: See next page

B. H. Whitley

- 2 -

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the Project Manager, Chandu Patel, at 301-415-3025 or via e-mail at Chandu.Patel@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,
/RA/

Francis M. Akstulewicz, Director
Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of New Reactors

Docket Nos.: 52-025
52-026

cc: See next page

DISTRIBUTION:

Public	JMcKirgan	POBryan
NRO_DNRL_LB4	FAkstulewicz	SLee
JFuller (RII)	RReyes	JWilson
RidsOgcMailCenter	PKallan	CPatel
RidsAcrsAcnwMailCenter	BBavol	RButler
RidsRgn2MailCenter	JHoellman	

ADAMS Accession No.: ML16159A151 *via email NRO-002

OFFICE	NRO:DNRL/PM*	NRO:DNRL/LA*	NRO:DCIP/ROE*
NAME	CPatel	RButler	JWilson
DATE	06/08/2016	06/08/2016	06/06/2016
OFFICE	NRO:DNRL/LB4/(A)BC	NRO:DNRL/D	
NAME	JMcKirgan	FAkstulewicz	
DATE	06/08/2016	06/08/2016	

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

Vogtle Units 3 & 4 Mailing List

(Revised 09/03/2015)

cc:

Southern Nuclear Op. Co.
Document Control Coordinator
42 Inverness Center parkway
Attn: B236
Birmingham, AL 35242

Elaine Sikes
Burke County Library
130 Highway 24 South
Waynesboro, GA 30830

Office of the Attorney General
40 Capitol Square, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

Mr. Jerry Smith
Commissioner
District 8
Augusta-Richmond County Commission
1332 Brown Road
Hephzibah, GA 30815

Resident Manager
Oglethorpe Power Corporation
Alvin W. Vogtle Nuclear Plant
7821 River Road
Waynesboro, GA 30830

Gene Stilp
1550 Fishing Creek Valley Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Anne F. Appleby
Oglethorpe Power Corporation
2100 East Exchange Place
Tucker, GA 30084

Mr. Robert E. Sweeney
IBEX ESI
4641 Montgomery Avenue
Suite 350
Bethesda, MD 20814

County Commissioner
Office of the County Commissioner
Burke County Commission
Waynesboro, GA 30830

George B. Taylor, Jr.
2100 East Exchange Pl
Atlanta, GA 30084-5336

Mr. Reece McAlister
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
Atlanta, GA 30334

Brian H. Whitley
42 Inverness Center Parkway
BIN B237
Birmingham, AL 35242

Mr. Joseph A. (Buzz) Miller
Executive Vice President
Southern Nuclear Operating Company
241 Ralph McGill Blvd.
BIN 10240
Atlanta, GA 30308-3374

Resident Inspector
Plant Vogtle 3&4
7825 River Road
Waynesboro, GA 30830

Vogle Units 3 & 4 Mailing List

Email

agaughtm@southernco.com (Amy Aughtman)
awc@nei.org (Anne W. Cottingham)
Bartley.Higgins@hq.doe.gov (Bartley Higgins)
becky@georgiawand.org (Becky Rafter)
bhwhitle@southernco.com (Brian Whitley)
Bill.Jacobs@gdsassociates.com (Bill Jacobs)
bill.wood@cbi.com (Bill Wood)
bjadams@southernco.com (Brad Adams)
bwwaites@southernco.com (Brandon Waites)
collinlj@westinghouse.com (Leslie Collins)
couturgf@westinghouse.com (Gerald Couture)
crpierce@southernco.com (C.R. Pierce)
curtis.castell@cbi.com (Curtis Castell)
curtis.castell@cbi.com (Curtis Castell)
cwaltman@roe.com (C. Waltman)
dahjones@southernco.com (David Jones)
david.hinds@ge.com (David Hinds)
david.jantosik@cbi.com (David Jantosik)
david.lewis@pillsburylaw.com (David Lewis)
david.siefken@hq.doe.gov (David Siefken)
delongra@westinghouse.com (Rich DeLong)
dgbost@southernco.com (Danny Bost)
dlfulton@southernco.com (Dale Fulton)
drculver@southernco.com (Randy Culver)
ed.burns@earthlink.net (Ed Burns)
edavis@pegasusgroup.us (Ed David)
erg-xl@cox.net (Eddie R. Grant)
fdhundle@southernco.com (Forrest Hundley)
G2NDRMDC@southernco.com (SNC Document Control)
graysw@westinghouse.com (Scott W. Gray)
james.comer@cbi.com (James Comer)
james1.beard@ge.com (James Beard)
jamiller@southernco.com (Buzz Miller)
jannina.blanco@pillsburylaw.com (Jannina Blanco)
jbtomase@southernco.com (Janice Tomasello)
jeff.lyash@cbi.com (Jeff Lyash)
jenmorri@southernco.com (Jennifer Buettner)
jim@ncwarn.org (Jim Warren)
jlhall@southernco.com (Jennifer Hall)
john.simmons@cbi.com (John A. Simmons)
Joseph_Hegner@dom.com (Joseph Hegner)
jpredd@southernco.com (Jason R. Redd)
jranalli@meagpower.org (Jerry Ranalli)
jtgasser@southernco.com (Jeff Gasser)

Vogtle Units 3 & 4 Mailing List

karen.patterson@ttnus.com (Karen Patterson)
karlg@att.net (Karl Gross)
kelly.trice@cbi.com (Kelly Price)
ken.hollenbach@cbi.com (Kenneth W. Hollenbach)
kim.haynes@opc.com (Kim Haynes)
kmseiber@southernco.com (Kristin Seibert)
KSutton@morganlewis.com (Kathryn M. Sutton)
kwaugh@impact-net.org (Kenneth O. Waugh)
lchandler@morganlewis.com (Lawrence J. Chandler)
ldperry@southernco.com (Leigh D. Perry)
markus.popa@hq.doe.gov (Markus Popa)
mcintyba@westinghouse.com (Brian McIntyre)
mdmeier@southernco.com (Mike Meier)
media@nei.org (Scott Peterson)
Melissa.Smith@Hq.Doe.Gov (Melissa Smith)
michael.annacone@cbi.com (Michael Annacone)
michael.annacone@cbi.com (Michael J. Annacone)
Michael.Kuca@hq.doe.gov (Michael Kuca)
mike.price@opc.com (M.W. Price)
mlgraves@southernco.com (Michelle Graves)
MSF@nei.org (Marvin Fertel)
myox@southernco.com (Mike Yox)
nicholle.burroughs@cbi.com (Nicholle Burroughs)
nirsnet@nirs.org (Michael Mariotte)
Nuclaw@mindspring.com (Robert Temple)
patriciaL.campbell@ge.com (Patricia L. Campbell)
Paul@beyondnuclear.org (Paul Gunter)
pbessette@morganlewis.com (Paul Bessette)
r.joshi15@comcast.net (Ravi Joshi)
randall@nexusamllc.com (Randall Li)
rhenry@ap.org (Ray Henry)
rjarrett@southernco.com (Robyn Jarrett)
RJB@NEI.org (Russell Bell)
Ronald.Jones@scana.com (Ronald Jones)
russpa@westinghouse.com (Paul Russ)
rwink@ameren.com (Roger Wink)
sabinski@suddenlink.net (Steve A. Bennett)
sblanton@balch.com (Stanford Blanton)
sfrantz@morganlewis.com (Stephen P. Frantz)
shhuling@southernco.com (Steven Huling)
Shiva.Granmayeh@hq.doe.gov (Shiva Granmayeh)
sjackson@meagpower.org (Steven Jackson)
skauffman@mpr.com (Storm Kauffman)
sroetger@psc.state.ga.us (Steve Roetger)
stephan.moen@ge.com (Stephan Moen)

Vogle Units 3 & 4 Mailing List

taterrel@southernco.com (Todd Terrell)
Tom.Bilik@nrc.gov (Thomas Bilik)
TomClements329@cs.com (Tom Clements)
Vanessa.quinn@dhs.gov (Vanessa Quinn)
virgil.barton@cbi.com (Virgil Barton)
Wanda.K.Marshall@dom.com (Wanda K. Marshall)
wasparkm@southernco.com (Wesley A. Sparkman)
wayne.marquino@ge.com (Wayne Marquino)
weave1dw@westinghouse.com (Doug Weaver)
x2gabeck@southernco.com (Gary Becker)