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Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4
Report of UFSAR Chapter 14 Changes to Initial Test Program
In Accordance with License Condition 2.D.(7)(a)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with license condition 2.D.(7)(a) of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4 Combined Licenses, Numbers NPF-91 and NPF-92, respectively, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) is required to report, within 30 days, a change made to the Initial Test Program described in Final Safety Analysis Report Section 14, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.59(d).

On August 03, 2016, SNC approved Licensing Document Change Request (LDCR) 2016-050, changing the Initial Test Program described in the VEGP Units 3&4 Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR), Subsection 14.2.10.1.15, Rapid Power Reduction System, to clarify that the control logic for the Rapid Power Reduction (RPR) system allows for either automatically or manually selected control rod banks.

This departure from Tier 2 information in the UFSAR (which includes the plant-specific DCD) was evaluated in accordance with 10 CFR 52 Appendix D Section VIII, and it was determined that this change did not involve a change to Tier 1 information, Tier 2* information, or the Technical Specifications. The evaluation also determined that prior NRC approval for this departure was not required.


This letter contains no regulatory commitments.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Amy Chamberlain at (205) 992-6361.

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 22nd day of August, 2016

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My commission expires: June 18, 2019

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