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Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Unit 3
Supplement to Revised Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR):
Structural Design of Auxiliary Building Floors (PAR-16-009R2S2)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter ND-16-1059, dated July 5, 2016, SNC submitted a revised Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR), PAR-16-009R2 [ML16187A354], to minimize construction delays for VEGP Unit 3 during the NRC's evaluation of the related License Amendment Request (LAR)-16-009R1. PAR-16-009R2 specifically requested a "no objection" to proceeding with construction of the floor structures of the CA20 Piping/Valve Room (Room number 12262) at design elevation 82'-6" and the following rooms inside CA20 located at or near design elevation 92'-6": Pipe Chase (Room number 12269), Cask Loading Pit (Room number 12463), Spent Fuel Storage Pit (Room number 12563), and Waste Monitor Tank Room B (Room number 12365). As required by License Condition 2.D.(1), the NRC Staff received the associated LAR-16-009R1 referenced by PAR-16-009R2. The Staff then evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR-16-009R1 and determined that there was sufficient information to accept LAR-16-009R1 for detailed technical review. This PAR was subsequently accepted with a "no objection" letter issued by the NRC Staff on July 14, 2016 [ML16194A176].

Subsequently, by letter ND-16-1356, dated August 12, 2016, SNC submitted a revised LAR, LAR-16-009R2 [ML16225A655], to amend the VEGP Units 3 and 4 Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) to revise details related to the structural design of auxiliary building floors. This Revision 2 of LAR-16-009 reinstated the full scope of impacted structures, systems, and components (SSCs) discussed in the initial submittal of the LAR under SNC letter ND-16-0816 [ML16166A409]. This scope had been narrowed by Revision 1 of LAR-16-009 in SNC letter ND-16-1024 [ML16183A394].

The ND-16-1356 cover letter for LAR-16-009R2 states in part, "Having completed the remaining necessary, supporting calculations, this revision re-instates [emphasis added] the original scope of the request." In the subsequent paragraph, the letter continues, "Enclosures 3 and 4 of ND-16-1024 are hereby replaced [emphasis added] with the information provided in Enclosures 5 and 6."

Because SNC is concerned that this wording may not have accurately reflected the intent of the Licensee, SNC is providing a clarification below.

The use of "re-instates" in LAR-16-009R2 is meant to convey information regarding the scope of the SSCs impacted by that revision of the proposed LAR, i.e., elevations 82'-6" to 107'-6" in CA20 and auxiliary building finned floors at elevations 117'-0" and 135'-0". Such scope was included in LAR-16-009, prior to the reduction of the SSCs scope with LAR-16-009R1. LAR-16-009R1 has not been withdrawn by SNC and still remains on the VEGP docket.

Enclosures 5 and 6 of LAR-16-009R2 envelope the scope of changes to the SSCs found in LAR-16-009R1. The technical information provided in LAR-16-009R1 (that is the basis for the PAR "no objection" finding) is also included as part of LAR-16-009R2. The activities conducted under the PAR finding of "no objection" are fully supported by the technical information in LAR-16-009R2. SNC's intent is that Enclosures 3 and 4 remain fully in effect until such time that LAR-16-009R2 is accepted for technical review in accordance with 10 CFR 50.90 and 10 CFR 52.79. If LAR-16-009R2 is accepted for technical review, Enclosures 5 and 6 will subsume Enclosures 3 and 4 for the purposes of the NRC technical review of the LAR.

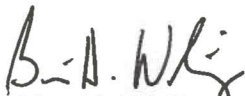
Since LAR-16-009R1 remains on the docket, and LAR-16-009R2 envelopes the scope of changes to the SSCs found in LAR-16-009R1, the basis for the no objection letter for PAR-16-009R2 remains in effect and therefore SNC continues to rely upon the "no objection" notice granted for the scope of the SSCs described by PAR-16-009R2. This scope is supported by both LAR-16-009R1 and LAR-16-009R2.

This letter does not contain any NRC commitments. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jason Redd at (205) 992-6435.

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


Brian H. Whitley



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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of September 2016

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