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Ms. Jennifer Uhle  
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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 September 7, 2016, SNC approved Licensing Document Change Request (LDCR) 2016-061, changing the Initial Test Program described in the VEGP Units 3&4 Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) Subsection 14.2.9.1.4. The pre-operational testing requirement, which verified the resistance of the passive containment cooling air flow path, is removed.

On September 22, 2016, SNC approved Licensing Document Change Request (LDCR) 2016-086, changing the Initial Test Program described in the VEGP Units 3&4 Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR), Subsection 14.2.9.2.12. This change clarified which tests require a prerequisite for the reactor vessel integrated head package to be in place during testing, removed group selection and interlock function testing since these functions are validated during factory acceptance testing, and clarified the testing of the digital control rod position indication system.

These departures from Tier 2 information in the UFSAR (which includes the plant-specific DCD) were evaluated in accordance with 10 CFR 52 Appendix D Section VIII, and it was determined that these changes 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 these departures was not required.

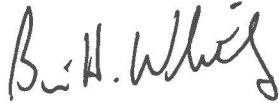
This letter contains no regulatory commitments.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Corey Thomas at (205) 992-5221.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2016

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