

January 19, 2017

Mr. Brian H. Whitley, Director
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST
(PAR 15-012-2), "CONTAINMENT INTERNAL FLOOR MODULE CONNECTIONS"
FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNIT 3 (CAC RP9525)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated January 17, 2017, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 15-012-2 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML17017A518). SNC also submitted a License Amendment Request (LAR) 15-012 on March 11, 2016 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16071A404). LAR 15-012 was revised by LAR 15-012R1 on July 12, 2016 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16196A099) and supplemented by LAR 15-012R1S on October 20, 2016 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16294A526). The PAR 15-012-2 was supplemented by PAR 15-012-2S on January 19, 2017 (ADAMS Accession Number ML17019A316). SNC notified the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that absent NRC objection, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 15-012, as revised and supplemented, SNC will proceed with construction activities identified in Section 7 of Enclosure to PAR 15-012-2S. These activities include installation of CA01 floor module connection reinforcement bar and associated couplers for CA55, CA56, CA57, and CA58 inside the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3 containment (including the placing of concrete in the CA01 module) at approximate design elevation of 135'-3" in accordance with the design changes proposed in the revised Updated Final Safety Analysis Report description in LAR 15-012R1 and LAR 15-012R1S.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1) the NRC has received LAR 15-012 as revised by LAR 15-012R1 and supplemented by LAR 15-012R1S that was referenced in PAR 15-012-2 as supplemented. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 15-012, as revised, and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 15-012, as revised, for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML16210A199).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 15-012-2 as supplemented 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 15-012-2 as supplemented and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 15-012 as revised and supplemented. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant changes identified in Section 7 of the enclosure to PAR 15-012-2S, pending the outcome of the

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NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 15-012 as revised and supplemented. SNC acknowledges that if LAR 15-012 as revised and supplemented, is denied, SNC will return the plant to its current licensing basis as required by License Condition 2.D.(1)(b).

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,

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