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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 – NRC SECURITY INSPECTION REPORTS 05200025/2017401, 05200026/2017401 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION (OUO REMOVED)

Dear Mr. Yox:

On March 31, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security inspection at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which the inspectors discussed on May 2, 2017 with Mr. Mark Rauckhorst, Vogtle 3&4 Executive Vice President Construction, and other members of your staff.

The enclosed report discusses a Severity Level IV violation. The NRC evaluated this violation in accordance Section 2.3.2.a of the NRC Enforcement Policy, which can be found at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>. We determined that this violation did not meet the criteria to be treated as a non-cited violation.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC's review of your response will also determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure your compliance with regulatory requirements. If you contest the violation or significance of the NOV, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region II; the Director, Office of Enforcement; the Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; and the NRC resident inspector at the Vogtle 3 and 4.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Docket Nos.: 5200025, 5200026

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Enclosure:

~~1. Notice of Violation~~

~~2. NRC Inspection Report (IR) 05200025/2017401, 05200026/2017401~~

~~w/attachment: Supplemental Information (OUO)~~

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