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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST (PAR 17-015), "CENTRAL CHILLED WATER SYSTEM (VWS) OPTIMIZATION CHANGES" FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 (CAC RP9622)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated May 10, 2017, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 17-015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML17130A771). SNC notified the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that absent NRC's objection, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of License Amendment Request (LAR) 17-015 (ADAMS Accession Number ML17118A049), SNC will proceed with installation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, chemical and volume control system makeup pump room unit coolers, VAS-MS-05A/B, and the VWS low capacity chiller pump, VWS-MP-03, which are subject to the changes proposed in LAR 17-015.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1) the NRC has received LAR 17-015. LAR 17-015 was referenced in PAR 17-015. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 17-015 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 17-015, for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML17135A125).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 17-015 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 17-015 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 17-015. 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 17-015, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 17-015. SNC acknowledges that if LAR 17-015 is denied, SNC will return the plant to its current licensing basis as required by License Condition 2.D.(1)(b).

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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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