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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 — ISSUANCE
OF AMENDMENTS AND GRANTING OF EXEMPTIONS REGARDING
IN-CONTAINMENT REFUELING WATER STORAGE TANK VOLUME
CHANGES (CAC NO. RP9607)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

In response to your application dated January 20, 2017, and supplement by letter dated June 6, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted the enclosed Exemptions and issued the enclosed Amendment Nos. 81 and 80 to Combined Licenses (COL) Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, respectively. The amendments change the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) in the form of departures from plant-specific Design Control Document (PS-DCD) Tier 2 information, COL Appendix A Technical Specifications, and COL Appendix C information. The departures consist of in-containment refueling water storage tank (IRWST) minimum volume changes in plant-specific UFSAR Table 14.3-2, COL Appendix A Technical Specifications 3.5.6, 3.5.7, and 3.5.8 and Surveillance Requirements 3.5.6.2 and 3.5.8.2, and COL Appendix C (and associated plant-specific Tier 1) Table 2.2.3-4. The changes restore the desired consistency of these sections with the UFSAR IRWST minimum volume value in other locations.

The exemption allows changes that impact Tier 1 of the PS-DCD and Appendix C of the COL as specified in License Amendment Request (LAR) 17-002. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of the amendment, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption. In addition, changes are made in the technical specifications in Appendix A.

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A copy of the related Safety Evaluation, which includes the evaluation of the amendments and exemptions, is also enclosed. The notice of issuance of the amendment and the exemption documents included in this letter will be published in the *Federal Register*.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos.: 52-025
52-026

Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 81 to NPF-91
2. Amendment No. 80 to NPF-92
3. Exemption for License Amendment No. 81
for VEGP Unit 3 COL
4. Exemption for License Amendment No. 80
for VEGP Unit 4 COL
5. Safety Evaluation

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