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Mr. Brian H. Whitley, Director  
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 3 AND 4: CHEMICAL ADDITION WITH REACTOR COOLANT PUMP NOT IN OPERATION (CAC NO. RP9628) (LAR 17-019)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated May 31, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML17151A296), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC/licensee) submitted a request for a License Amendment Request (LAR) 17-019 for the Combined License (COL) Numbers NPF-91 and NPF-92, for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, respectively.

The amendment requests changes to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report in the form of departures from the plant-specific design control document (DCD) Tier 2 information and involves changes to the VEGP Units 3 and 4 COL Appendix A, Technical Specifications. The proposed changes impact the Technical Specifications, and require prior U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) approval.

The proposed changes revise plant-specific Tier 2 information concerning changes to the administrative controls for unborated water flow paths to the reactor coolant system that are required to support chemical additions during periods when the reactor coolant pumps are not in operation. These controls are addressed in proposed changes to COL Appendix A, Technical specifications.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this LAR. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.90, an amendment to the license must fully describe the changes requested, and follow as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 52.79 of the 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application against the regulatory requirements and has concluded that it provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment.

Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3863 or [Manny.Comar@nrc.gov](mailto:Manny.Comar@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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