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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST (PAR 17-010-2), "PIPE RUPTURE HAZARD AND FLOODING ANALYSES" FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNIT 3 (CAC NO. RP9619)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated August 18, 2017, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 17-010-2 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML17230A362). 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) 17-010 (ADAMS Accession Number ML17090A570), SNC will proceed with construction activities outlined in Section 7 of Enclosure to the PAR 17-010-2 submittal, consistent with requested changes in LAR 17-010.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1), the NRC has received LAR 17-010. LAR 17-010 was referenced in PAR 17-010-2. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 17-010 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 17-010, for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML17107A179).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 17-010-2 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 17-010-2 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 17-010. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant changes identified in Section 7 of Enclosure to the PAR 17-010-2 pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 17-010. NRC staff expects that if LAR 17-010 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, Ruth C. Reyes, at 301-415-3249 or via e-mail at Ruth.Reyes@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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