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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST (PAR 17-030), "HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEERING RESOLUTION VERIFICATION PROCESS REVISIONS" FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 3 AND 4

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated October 11, 2017, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 17-030 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML17284A355). 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)-17-030 (ADAMS Accession Number ML17272A956), SNC will proceed with construction activities for Unit 3 and 4 as outlined in the enclosure to the PAR 17-030 submittal, consistent with requested changes in LAR-17-030.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1), the NRC has received LAR-17-030. LAR-17-030 was referenced in PAR-17-030. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR-17-030 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR-17-030, for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML17304A173).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR-17-030 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-17-030 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR-17-030. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant changes identified in Block 7 of the enclosure to PAR-17-030 pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR-17-030. NRC staff expects that if LAR-17-030 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 Senior Project Manager, Manny Comar, at 301-415-3863 or via e-mail at Manny.Comar@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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