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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 — ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS REGARDING REACTOR VESSEL HEAD VENT CAPACITY (LAR 17-025)(EPID NO. L-2017-LLA-0134)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

In response to your application dated July 28, 2017, titled, "Request for License Amendment and Exemption: Reactor Vessel Head Vent Capacity (LAR 17-025)," and designated as License Amendment Request (LAR) 17-025, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted the enclosed exemptions and issued the enclosed Amendments Nos. 114 and 113 to Combined License (COL) Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, respectively. The amendments revise the COL to depart from approved AP1000 Design Control Document (DCD) Tier 2 information (text, tables and figures) as incorporated into the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report as plant-specific DCD information.

The exemptions allow a departure from elements of the certified information in Tier 1 of the AP1000 Certified DCD, as specified in LAR 17-025. The departures are in plant-specific Tier 1 and associated COL Appendix C information. These exemptions are related to, and necessary for the granting of the amendments, which are being issued concurrently with these exemptions.

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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. 114 to NPF-91
2. Amendment No. 113 to NPF-92
3. Exemption for VEGP Unit 3 COL
4. Exemption for VEGP Unit 4 COL
5. Safety Evaluation

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