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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 3 AND 4 — ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS AND GRANTING OF EXEMPTIONS RE: CHANGES TO THE BUILDING GAP BETWEEN THE NUCLEAR ISLAND AND ADJACENT BUILDINGS (LAR 18-002) (EPID L-2018-LLA-0025)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

In response to your application dated February 1, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted the enclosed Exemptions and issued the enclosed Amendment Nos. 127 and 126 to Combined License (COL) Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, respectively. The amendments consist of changes to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) and plant-specific Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to Appendix C of the Facility COLs.

The amendments authorize changes to the VEGP Units 3 and 4 UFSAR in the form of departures from the incorporated plant-specific Design Control Document (PS-DCD) Tier 2 and Tier 2* information and involves related changes to plant-specific Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) in COL Appendix C. Specifically, the proposed changes relax the minimum gap requirement above grade between the nuclear island and the annex building/turbine building and remove the minimum gap requirement between the nuclear island and the radwaste building from the ITAAC and corresponding Tier 1 information. The exemption allows changes that impact Tier 1 of the PS-DCD and Appendix C of the Facility COL, as specified in License Amendment Request (LAR) 18-002. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of the license amendment, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation, which includes the evaluation of the amendment is enclosed. The notice of issuance of the amendment and the 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. Exemption for Amendment No. 127
for VEGP Unit 3 COL
2. Exemption for Amendment No. 126
for VEGP Unit 4 COL
3. Amendment No. 127 to VEGP Unit 3 COL
4. Amendment No. 126 to VEGP Unit 4 COL
3. Safety Evaluation

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