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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 — ISSUANCE  
OF AMENDMENTS RE: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION APPLICABILITY  
CHANGES TO SUPPORT PRESSURIZER SAFETY VALVE OPERABILITY  
(LAR 18-004) (EPID L-2018-LLA-0018)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

In response to your application dated January 31, 2018, titled "Technical Specification Applicability Changes to Support Pressurizer Safety Valve Operability" designated as License Amendment Request (LAR) 18-004, and supplemented by a letter dated May 2, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted enclosed License Amendment Nos. 133 and 132 to Combined Licenses (COL) Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, respectively. The amendment consists of changes to COL Appendix A, Technical Specifications (TS).

The amendment authorizes Southern Nuclear Operating Company to make changes to TS 3.4.6, Pressurizer Safety Valve, Applicability to require the pressurizer safety valves (PSVs) to be operable when the TS 3.4.14, "Low Temperature Overpressure Protection," is not required to be operable. A conforming change to the TS 3.4.6 Actions is also allowed. Additional TS changes necessary to support PSV operability are allowed for consistency with the TS 3.4.6.

The amendment also authorizes moving TS Limiting Condition for Operation Notes regarding reactor coolant pump starts from TS 3.4.4, "Reactor Coolant System (RCS) Loops, 3.4.8, Minimum RCS Flow," and 3.4.14 to TS 3.4.3, "RCS Pressure / Temperature (P/T) Limits."

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A copy of the related Safety Evaluation, which includes the evaluation of the amendment is also enclosed. The notice of issuance of the amendment 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. 133 to NPF-91
2. Amendment No. 132 to NPF-92
3. Safety Evaluation

cc: See next page

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