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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 3 AND 4 — ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS RE: REQUEST FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT REGARDING PROTECTION AND SAFETY MONITORING SYSTEM SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT REDUCTION TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REVISION (LAR 19-001) (EPID L-2019-LLA-0064)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

In response to your application dated March 25, 2019, as supplemented by letter dated October 7, 2019 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML19084A309 and ML19280E414, respectively), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment Nos. 168 and 166 to Combined License (COL) Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, respectively. The amendments authorizes changes to COL Appendix A, which contains the plant-specific technical specifications (TS), and related information in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report. Specifically, the amendments remove from the TS certain manual surveillance requirements (SRs) to be performed on Protection and Safety Monitoring System (PMS) components. These are SRs requiring manual Channel Checks, Channel Operational Tests, Actuation Logic Tests and Actuation Logic Output Tests. In addition, the amendments authorize changes to the approach for satisfying the SRs that verify the Reactor Trip System and Engineered Safety Features Response Times are within specified limits. Specifically, SNC requested NRC approval of a method described in the license amendment request for choosing allocated response times for the PMS equipment. The licensee has not proposed any change to the approved PMS design.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation, which includes the staff's evaluation of the amendment, is enclosed. The notice of issuance of the amendment 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. 168 to VEGP Unit 3 COL
2. Amendment No. 166 to VEGP Unit 4 COL
3. Safety Evaluation

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