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NRC Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425
Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-108 and CPPR-109
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant - Units 1 and 2
Endangered Species

Dear Ms. Adensam:

The Construction Permit Stage Environmental Report for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Final Environmental Statement discussed several threatened or endangered species which could potentially be found in the area surrounding the VEGP and its associated transmission lines. Recently, it has been called to the attention of Georgia Power Company that an additional endangered species may be found in the area.

Studies being conducted by the Savannah River Plant have found what may possibly be shortnose sturgeon larvae in the Savannah River. It is our understanding that two unidentifiable larvae were found out of a sample of 10,000. The preliminary determination is that these may be shortnose sturgeon; however, further investigations are being conducted. This issue was raised as a result of the recent public hearings on the L-Reactor start-up at SRP.

The sampling programs conducted by Georgia Power Company have not found any evidence of the shortnose sturgeon. The VEGP - Operating License Stage Environmental Report will provide more information concerning the possible presence of the shortnose sturgeon in the Savannah River in the vicinity of the VEGP.

Sincerely yours,

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