MEMORANDUM TO:

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

and All Parties

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

NEW INFORMATION POTENTIALLY RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO BOARD

PROCEEDING IN THE MATTER OF VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING

PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

In conformance with the Commission's policy on notification of the Licensing Board of new, relevant, and material information, this memorandum calls attention to the information discussed below.

The Board has pending before it a contention challenging the application of Georgia Power Company (GPC) to authorize Southern Nuclear Operating Company. Inc. (Southern Nuclear), a subsidiary of The Southern Company, to operate Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. Specifically, the contention challenges whether Southern Nuclear possesses the requisite character, competence and integrity, as well as the necessary candor, truthfulness and willingness to abide by regulatory requirements.

On January 9 and 18, 1995, the NRC staff received additional allegations regarding the character, competence and integrity of GPC and Southern Nuclear management personnel that may be relevant to this issue.

These allegations are being treated as confidential in accordance with NRC policy. Release of the allegations at this time would compromise that confidentiality and could adversely affect the NRC's review of the alleged issues. If requested, the staff is prepared to share the allegations and to discuss this matter further with the Licensing Board at an ex parte, in camera session.

This information is being brought to the attention of the Licensing Board, and all parties, as it may be relevant and material to issues pending before the Licensing Board.

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