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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

ATTN: Docketing and Service Branch

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.

Dear Mr. Chilk:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the NRC that within the next few weeks, The Southern Company plans to form a wholly-owned subsidiary named the Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (SONOPCO or Southern Nuclear). An application to this effect was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in June of 1988, and it is anticipated that approval of this application will be forthcoming shortly. Upon formation, Southern Nuclear will be assigned responsibility to perform certain functions which were previously performed by Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company and Southern Company Services organizations including, but not limited to, fuel procurement services, engineering services, and administrative and technical services. The functions assigned to the Southern Nuclear subsidiary at this time will not include any right under the license, and Georgia Power retains responsibility for compliance with its regulatory obligations.

Organizational structure and line reporting of those corporate functions which support site operations will generally not be changed by Southern Nuclear formation. Specific management personnel will be employees of both Southern Nuclear and Alabama Power Company and/or Georgia Power Company in order to maintain continuity of reporting within each licensed operator's organization, and also to consolidate other functions within Southern Nuclear. An organizational chart indicating the anticipated structure of Southern Nuclear is attached. Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe, MEAG and the City of Dalton will continue to be the owners of Plants Hatch and Vogtle, and Georgia Power Company will continue to be the licensed operator. Alabama Power Company will continue to be the owner and licensed operator of Plant Farley.

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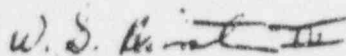
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Safety evaluations for the organizational change have been performed under 10 CFR 50.59 concerning the formation of Southern Nuclear. The safety evaluations assume that Georgia Power Company contracts with Southern Nuclear for many of its delegable duties under licenses numbered DPR-57 and NPF-5 (Hatch) and NPF-68 and NPF-81 (Vogtle). The conclusion of the safety evaluations is that no unreviewed safety question exists or change to the plant technical specifications is required as a result of this contract and resulting organizational change. Reporting and communication lines will remain essentially the same as before the change. In addition, Georgia Power Company's Quality Assurance, Security, and Emergency Planning programs were also reviewed. Evaluations were performed in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a), and they determined that no reduction to any commitments of the Quality Assurance programs will occur. Evaluations conducted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(p) determined that there will be no decrease in the effectiveness of the Security Plans and programs. Moreover, evaluations conducted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q) demonstrated that there will be no decrease in the effectiveness of the Emergency Plans.

Georgia Power Company submits this letter to the NRC for informational purposes only. Based on the above conclusions, no action is requested.

Should you have any questions, please advise.

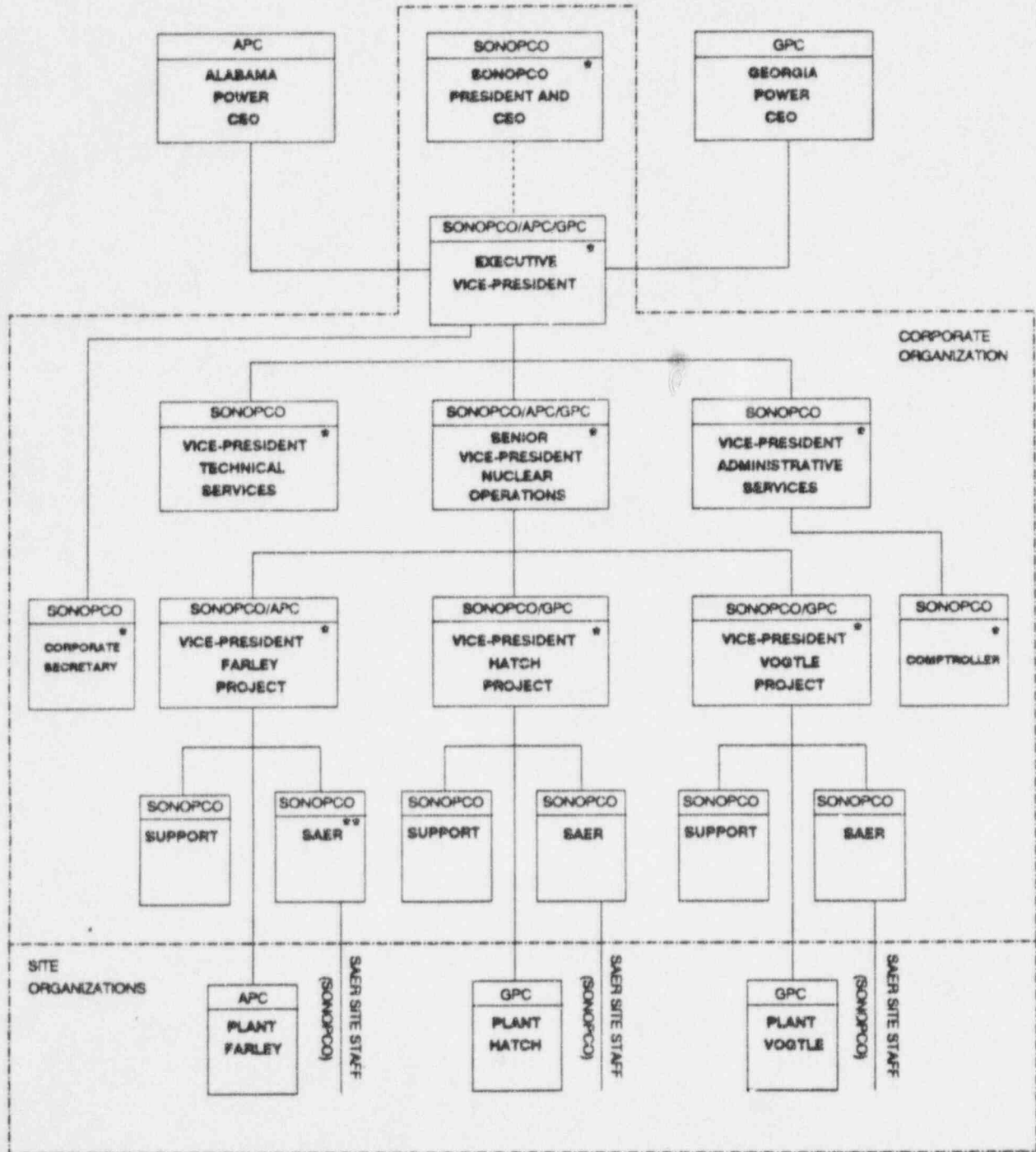
Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

ATTACHMENT SONOPCO ORGANIZATION



..... DENOTES ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING

* SONOPCO OFFICERS

** MANAGER SAER WILL ALSO BE AN APC EMPLOYEE