

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Southern Nuclear Operating Company

(Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 3)

Docket No. 52-025

ORDER

On February 12, 2020, the NRC published notice in the *Federal Register* that the scheduled date for initial loading of fuel into Vogtle Unit 3 is November 23, 2020. 85 Fed. Reg. 8030 (Feb. 12, 2020). On April 3, 2020, Nuclear Watch South filed a request to extend the April 13, 2020, deadline to request a hearing regarding the licensee's conformance with the acceptance criteria in the combined license for Vogtle Unit 3.¹ Nuclear Watch South stated in a certification accompanying its request that counsel for both the NRC Staff and Southern Nuclear Operating Company (Southern) would consider the request and respond once it is filed. Pursuant to my authority under 10 C.F.R. § 2.346(a) and (b), counsel for NRC Staff and Southern are directed to file responses to Nuclear Watch South's request no later than 12:00 p.m. (EDT) on April 7, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

¹ *Nuclear Watch South's Request for Extension of Filing Deadline and Request for Expedited Consideration* (Apr. 3, 2020).

For the Commission

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Dated at Rockville, Maryland,
this 6th day of April 2020

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **ORDER (Response to Nuclear Watch South Extension Request)** have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange.

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