

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20565

June 12, 1992

Docket Nos. 50-348 and 50-364

> Mr. W. G. Hairston, III Executive Vice President Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. Post Office Box 1295 Birmingham, Alabama 35201-1295

Dear Mr. Hairston:

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL SAFETY EVALUATION REGARDING THE RESPONSE TO THE

STATION BLACKOUT RULE FOR THE JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT.

UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M68543 AND M68544)

By letters dated April 12, 1989, and March 8, 1990, you submitted responses to the station blackout (SBO) rule, 10 CFR 50.63. Your responses were reviewed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff: and the staff's Safety Evaluation (SE) was provided to you by our letter dated April 25, 1991. The staff found your proposed method of coping with an SBO to be acceptable, subject to the satisfactory resolution of several recommendations that were itemized in the SE. The SE requested that you respond to the recommendations and provide a schedule for their implementation.

By letter dated June 5, 1991, you provided your response to the staff's SE. Your response has been reviewed by the NRC staff. Enclosure 1 contains the staff's Supplemental Safety Evaluation (SSE) of your response. Your response was found to be acceptable contingent upon completion of the following: (1) confirmation that the plant still meets its licensing basis for all design basis accidents with emergency diesel generator (EDG) 2C used as an alternate AC (AAC) power source,

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(2) confirmation that EDG 2C will not be loaded to more than 3100 KW during an SBO event, and (3) implementation of an EDG reliability program that meets the guidance of RG 1.155. Section 1.2. You should submit your proposed resolution of these issues and a schedule for their implementation within 30 days of receipt of this SSE.

Sincerely,

Orignal signed by:

Stephen T. Hoffman, Project Manager Project Director II-1 Division of Rea\_tor Projects - I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure: Supplemental Safety Evaluation

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