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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Notification of IPE Submittal Extension

Gentlemen:

In a letter dated October 26, 1989, Alabama Power Company indicated that the results of the Independent Plant Examination (IPE) for Farley Nuclear Plant would be submitted to the NRC in September 1992. This submittal date was based on estimates for the conduct of the IPE contained in Generic Letter 88-20 using common resources for Farley Nuclear Plant and Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. The actual effort to provide IPE analyses consistent with the requirements of Generic Letter 88-20 and NUREG-1335 has proven to be significantly greater than that estimated in Generic Letter 88-20. At this time it is evident that substantial additional effort will be necessary to ensure that the model realistically reflects the design and operation of Farley Nuclear Plant. In addition, with one vendor providing technical support for the probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) for both Farley Nuclear Plant and Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, conflicts have developed in the use of common resources which has resulted in delays. Therefore, SNC is extending its submittal date for the results of the Farley IPE to June 30, 1993.

As most recently stated in a letter dated January 31, 1992, a final response to Generic Letter 90-06, "Resolution of Generic Issue 70, 'Power-Operated Relief Valve and Block Valve Reliability,' and Generic Issue 94, 'Additional Low-Temperature Overpressure Protection for Light-Water Reactors'" would be provided upon completion of the PRA analysis. The PRA model would be used to evaluate the allowed outage times for power-operated relief valves. However, in light of the delay of the PRA effort, a proposed technical specification change, which is consistent with the guidance provided in G.L. 90-06, will be submitted by October 30, 1992.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

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