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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant  
Request For Additional Information on Use of a Smaller Diameter Bobbin Probe

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated January 9, 1998, the NRC issued a Request for Additional Information on use of a smaller diameter bobbin probe for implementation of the voltage-based alternate repair criteria. With the decision to replace the steam generators at both Farley units, the benefits of this proposal do not warrant the additional expenditure of resources to respond to NRC Staff questions. Although Southern Nuclear continues to believe the proposed approach is a better approach from a technical perspective than the current practice and that there has been adequate justification provided to the NRC Staff, Southern Nuclear is withdrawing its March 7, 1997 request.

Respectfully submitted,

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