



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY, INC.

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY

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MEAG POWER SPVM, LLC

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CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA

VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNIT 4

DOCKET NO. 52-026

EXEMPTION TO DEPART FROM TIER 1 IN PLANT-SPECIFIC DESIGN CONTROL

DOCUMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION VIII.A.4 OF APPENDIX D OF 10 CFR PART 52

Exemption
License No. NPF-92


1. In a letter dated September 2, 2022, the Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) requested from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) an exemption to allow departures from plant-specific Tier 1 information as part of license amendment request (LAR) 22-003, "Electrical Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) Optimization."

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.2 of the NRC staff's combined safety evaluation, which can be found at Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML22284A133, the Commission finds that:

- A. the exemption is authorized by law;
- B. the exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;
- C. the exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;
- D. special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;
- E. the special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and

- F. the exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.
2. Accordingly, the SNC is granted an exemption to allow a departure from the plant-specific Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to Appendix C of the facility Combined License, as described in the licensee's request dated September 2, 2022. This exemption is related to, and necessary for, the granting of License Amendment No. 187, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.
 3. As explained in Section 6.0 of the NRC staff's combined safety evaluation, this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.
 4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION:



Signed by Hall, Victor
on 11/22/22

Victor E. Hall, Director
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