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Mr. Simonton,

I hope this email finds you well.

The subject urgent license amendment request (LAR) from Southern Nuclear for Vogtle Unit 3 is dated January 31, 2023 (ADAMS Accession No. ML23031A359), "Technical Specification Exceptions for In-containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Operability Prior to Initial Criticality (LAR-23-004)," and requested that the U.S. NRC amend the combined license (COL) for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3, COL Number NPF-91.

The LAR involves changes in order to facilitate a repair to VEGP Unit 3 in-containment refueling water storage tank (IRWST) injection isolation valve 3-PXS-V123A. The TS changes allow SNC to drain down the coolant in the reactor coolant system (RCS) to conduct the repair in lieu of the current TS requirement which would require a total core offload, or defueling, of the reactor. SNC requested NRC review completion in 8 days from receipt which means that SNC wants to receive this amendment, if approved, by 8 pm Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Unlike the usual license amendment process, the NRC's Exigent LAR process does not require an initial Notice of Consideration of Issuance for this LAR to be published in the Federal Register. The NRC's process for an Exigent LAR review, in this case, is to publish in a newspaper media ad, local to the facility, to request comment. That notice was published in the Augusta Chronicle on February 5 and 6, 2023.

The NRC is in process of finalizing its review of this LAR. Please provide your comments to me by **5pm Monday, February 6, 2023**, if that's not possible, please let me know what is practical.

Respectfully,

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