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Dear Mr. Brown:

By letter dated May 25, 2023 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML23145A265), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a request for a license amendment to Combined License (COL) Number NPF-91 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Unit 3. The requested amendment proposes an exception to Regulatory Guide 1.163 that would allow the specified frequency for the first periodic Type A integrated leak rate test to be performed prior to the earlier of initial Mode 4 entry for Unit 3 Cycle 2 and midnight on May 31, 2025.

The purpose of this email is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with 10 CFR 50.90, an amendment to the license must fully describe the changes requested, and follow as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 52.79 of 10 CFR addresses content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. SNC will be advised of any further information needed to support the staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

SNC has requested staff approval of this LAR no later than 6 months from acceptance. The staff will try to complete its review by December 28, 2023, unless we agree to a different date at a later time due to circumstances beyond our control. The staff estimates that it may take 305 hours to complete this licensing action.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-7270 or Cayetano.Santos@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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