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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING CO., INC, AS THE  
NON-FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SUBSEQUENT LICENSE  
RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1  
AND 2 (DOCKET NUMBERS: 050-321 AND 050-366)

Dear Melissa Alvarez:

With this letter, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) gives written notice to the National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) of the designation of Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (SNC) as its non-Federal representative to conduct informal consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Hatch) subsequent license renewal application pursuant to Title 50 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (50 CFR) Section 402.08, "Designation of non-Federal representative."

By letter dated May 15, 2025, SNC, the licensee for Hatch, submitted an application to subsequently renew the Hatch Unit 1 and Unit 2 operating licenses DPR-57 and NPF-5, respectively, which expire August 6, 2034 and June 13, 2038, respectively (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. [ML25135A390](#)). If granted, the subsequent renewed license would allow SNC to operate Hatch for an additional 20 years beyond its current licensed operating period (i.e., through August 6, 2054, and June 13, 2058, respectively). As part of its review of this application, the NRC staff must consult with the FWS if the proposed action may affect federally listed species or critical habitat in accordance with ESA Section 7(a)(2). With its designation as the NRC's non-Federal representative, SNC will conduct informal consultation with your office in accordance with 50 CFR 402.13, "Informal consultation." The NRC understands that the ultimate responsibility for compliance with ESA Section 7 remains with the NRC, as the Federal action agency.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact Mitchell Dehmer, Environmental Scientist, by phone at (301) 415-4016 or via email at [mitchell.dehmer@nrc.gov](mailto:mitchell.dehmer@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JRikhoff", is positioned above the typed name.

Signed by Rikhoff, Jeffrey  
on 07/08/25

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Docket Nos. 050-321 and 050-366

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