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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

**VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT
REQUEST TO REVISE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
LOSS OF POWER INSTRUMENTATION TRIP SETPOINTS**

By letter dated April 19, 1999, (LCV-1303) Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) proposed to revise the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications (TS). The proposed change would revise Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.3.5.2 and associated Bases to allow the loss of voltage and degraded voltage trip setpoints to be treated as nominal values. During the review of the proposed change, the NRC staff requested that we revise our submittal to be consistent with a recently approved amendment for another plant. Specifically, our April 19, 1999, submittal included the following proposed Note to be added to SR 3.3.5.2:

“A channel is OPERABLE with an actual Trip Setpoint value outside its calibration tolerance band provided the Trip Setpoint value is conservative with respect to its associated Allowable Value and the channel is readjusted to within the established calibration tolerance band of the Nominal Trip Setpoint. A Trip Setpoint may be set more conservative than the Nominal Trip Setpoint as necessary in response to plant conditions.”

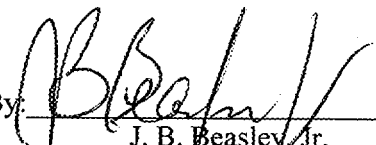
The note is not really necessary to establish operability of a channel following a Channel Calibration, and the NRC staff objected to the provision of this note that a trip setpoint may be set more conservative than the nominal value. The Bases will be revised to state that a channel with a trip setpoint outside of its calibration tolerance, but conservative with respect to the allowable value, is considered operable, but the channel should be reset to the nominal trip setpoint value within the calibration tolerance. This will be accomplished in accordance with the Completion Time requirements of LCO 3.3.5, as applicable. Therefore, SNC agreed to remove the proposed note from SR 3.3.5.2. These revisions to our April 19, 1999, submittal do not alter the conclusions of the significant hazards evaluation that accompanied that submittal.

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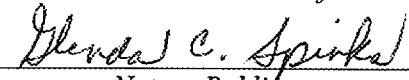
Enclosed are revised marked-up TS and Bases pages and clean-typed pages to replace the marked-up and clean-typed pages provided with the April 19, 1999, submittal.

Mr. J. B. Beasley, Jr. states that he is a Vice President of Southern Nuclear Operating Company and is authorized to execute this oath on behalf of Southern Nuclear Operating Company and that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the facts set forth in this letter are true.

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

By: 
J. B. Beasley, Jr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of November, 1999.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 11/10/02

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Enclosure: Marked-up and Clean-Typed TS and Bases Pages

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