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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Withdrawal of ISI Alternative

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Southern Nuclear hereby withdraws its Request for ISI Alternative for Plant Hatch Units 1 and 2 which was submitted by letter NL-05-2118 dated November 17, 2005. This letter requested that the NRC approve an ISI alternative related to pressure testing and visual examination of buried piping and components. Discussions regarding our submittal were held with the NRC reviewer on June 2, 2006. During that discussion it was determined that SNC would review the need for the requested alternative and that the NRC would be advised of our final intent by July 14, 2006. On July 13 the NRR Project Manager was verbally advised of our intent to withdraw the requested alternative. This letter confirms our conversation.

As was discussed on the June 2, 2006 telecon, testing of some of the underground piping systems may not yield useful data. Consequently, SNC plans to test these systems and evaluate the data. However, if the testing does not yield meaningful results, an ISI alternative may be requested based on hardship consistent with similar relief granted to other licensees.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. M. Stinson".

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