

August 22, 2007

Dr. Ray Luce
Historical Preservation Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
34 Peachtree St., Suite 1600
Atlanta, GA 30303-2316

SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE
RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Dr. Luce:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing a license renewal application (LRA) submitted by Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC or the applicant) dated June 27, 2007 for the renewal of the operating licenses for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 (VEGP), pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 54 (10 CFR Part 54). VEGP is located approximately 15 miles east-northeast of Waynesboro, Georgia and 26 miles southeast of Augusta, Georgia.

The NRC has established that, as part of the staff review of any nuclear power plant license renewal action, a site-specific Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," NUREG-1437, will be prepared under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 51, the NRC's regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8(c), the SEIS will include analyses of potential impacts to historic and cultural resources.

In the context of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the NRC staff has determined that the area of potential effect (APE) for a license renewal action is the area at the power plant site and its immediate environs that may be impacted by post-license renewal land-disturbing operations or projected refurbishment activities associated with the proposed action. The APE may extend beyond the immediate environs in those instances where post-license renewal land-disturbing operations or projected refurbishment activities specifically related to license renewal, may potentially have an effect on known or proposed historic sites. This determination is made irrespective of ownership or control of the lands of interest.

On September 27, 2007, the NRC will conduct two public NEPA scoping meetings at the Augusta Technical College Waynesboro Campus, 216 Highway 24 South, Waynesboro, GA. The first meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repeat of the overview portions of the first meeting, and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. You and your staff are invited to attend. The staff expects to publish the draft SEIS in May 2008. Your office will receive a copy of the draft SEIS along with a request for comments.

R. Luce

-2-

If you have any questions, regarding the NRC staff review of this LRA, please contact Mr. J.P. Leous, the Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-2864 or via e-mail at jpl1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Rani Franovich, Branch Chief
Environmental Branch B
Division of License Renewal
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425

cc: See next page

R. Luce

-2-

If you have any questions, regarding the NRC staff review of this LRA, please contact Mr. J.P. Leous, the Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-2864 or by e-mail at jpl1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Rani Franovich, Branch Chief
Environmental Branch B
Division of License Renewal
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425

cc: See next page

DISTRIBUTION:

P.T. Kuo (RidsNrrDlr)
R. Franovich (RidsNrrDlrRebb)
E. Benner (RidsNrrDlrReba)
J. Davis
L. Lund
J. Leous
C. Jacobs
Bobbie.hurley@earthtech.com
D. Ashley
B. Singal
B. Anderson
G. McCoy
S. Shaeffer
RidsOGCMailRoom
DLR/REBB
DLR/REBA

ADAMS Accession No.: **ML072060519**

OFFICE	LA:DLR	PM:DLR:REBB	PM:DLR:REBB	BC:DLR:REBB
NAME	IKing	JPLeous	AWilliamson	RFranovich (w/edits)
DATE	7/31/07	8/13/07	8/13/07	8/22/07

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1 and 2

cc:

Mr. Tom E. Tynan
Vice President - Vogtle
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant
7821 River Road
Waynesboro, GA 30830

Mr. N. J. Stringfellow
Manager, Licensing
Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 1295
Birmingham, AL 35201-1295

Mr. Jeffrey T. Gasser
Executive Vice President
Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 1295
Birmingham, AL 35201-1295

Mr. Steven M. Jackson
Senior Engineer - Power Supply
Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia
1470 Riveredge Parkway, NW
Atlanta, GA 30328-4684

Mr. Reece McAlister
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

Mr. Harold Reheis, Director
Department of Natural Resources
205 Butler Street, SE, Suite 1252
Atlanta, GA 30334

Attorney General
Law Department
132 Judicial Building
Atlanta, GA 30334

Mr. Laurence Bergen
Oglethorpe Power Corporation
2100 East Exchange Place
P.O. Box 1349
Tucker, GA 30085-1349

Arthur H. Domby, Esquire
Troutman Sanders
Nations Bank Plaza
600 Peachtree Street, NE
Suite 5200
Atlanta, GA 30308-2216

Resident Inspector
Vogtle Plant
8805 River Road
Waynesboro, GA 30830

Office of the County Commissioner
Burke County Commission
Waynesboro, GA 30830

Ms. Julie Keys
Nuclear Energy Institute
1776 I Street, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20006-3708