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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2007-17
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

On July 12, 2007, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2007-17, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." RIS 2007-17 requests that addressees voluntarily submit estimates regarding operator licensing examinations. In the enclosure to this letter, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) provides the requested information on NRC Form 536 for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP), the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP) and the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP).

The provided estimates are not commitments and may change. If you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. J. George".

B. J. George
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Enclosures: NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data
for HNP, FNP and VEGP

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OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5F53), U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or by internet email to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY

Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 & 2

NRC REGION

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>	CY <u>2009</u>	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		2	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>	CY <u>2009</u>	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		Exam 1: 0 Exam 2: 5	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT		Exam 1: 10 Exam 2: 11	9	9
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		Ex 1: 04/20/09 Ex 2: 11/09/09	11/08/2010	11/07/2011
ALTERNATE DATE		Ex 1: 02/23/09 Ex 2: 12/07/09	12/06/2010	12/05/2011

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>				CY <u>2009</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		18				16		

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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant Units 1 & 2

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>	CY <u>2009</u>	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>	CY <u>2009</u>	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	6	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	8	8	8	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	1	2	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	10/27/2008	10/26/2009	10/25/2010	10/24/2011
ALTERNATE DATE	11/10/2008	11/09/2009	11/08/2010	11/07/2011

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>				CY <u>2009</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			14				14	

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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1 & 2

NRC REGION

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>	CY <u>2009</u>	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>	CY <u>2009</u>	CY <u>2010</u>	CY <u>2011</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		8	8	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT		9	8	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		05/04/2009	05/03/2010	06/06/2011
ALTERNATE DATE		06/08/2009	06/07/2010	07/11/2011

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2008</u>				CY <u>2009</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	17				16			