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Southern Nuclear Operating Company  
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Unit 3  
Withdrawal of Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR):  
Structural Modules Shear Stud Size and Spacing (PAR-12-001)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated March 12, 2012, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a license amendment request (LAR), identified as LAR-12-001, for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4 combined licenses (COLs) (License Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92, respectively). The proposed amendment would depart from VEGP Units 3 and 4 plant-specific Design Control Document (DCD) Tier 2 material by revising the structural module shear stud size and spacing requirements presented in plant-specific DCD Figure 3.8.3-8, Sheet 1, Note 2. By a second letter dated March 12, 2012, SNC submitted an associated Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR), PAR-12-001 because VEGP Unit 3 construction activities associated with LAR-12-001 were scheduled to commence in October 2012, prior to the expected receipt of the requested license amendment.

In the response to request for additional information (RAI) Letter No. 2 related to LAR-12-001, dated June 6, 2012, SNC notified the NRC of our intent to supplement this LAR to address variations that are required in the location of structural module internal shear studs to address internal obstructions and accessibility for fabrication and inspection. Following submittal of the supplement to LAR-12-001, SNC will confer with the NRC Project Manager to reassess whether the NRC's projected review schedule necessitates a new request for an associated PAR. Accordingly, SNC hereby requests withdrawal of PAR-12-001.

This letter does not contain any NRC commitments. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wesley A. Sparkman at (205) 992-5061.

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Mr. C. R. Pierce states that he is the Regulatory Affairs Director of Southern Nuclear Operating Company, is authorized to execute this oath on behalf of Southern Nuclear Operating Company and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the facts set forth in this letter are true.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of June, 2012

Notary Public: Deborah A. Javorka

My commission expires: October 24, 2012

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