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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On June 8, 2012, the NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2012-07, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." RIS 2012-07 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 Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4.

Cancellation of the written exam, currently scheduled for October 9, 2013 (alternate October 16, 2013), is requested based on delay of the AP1000 integrated system validation. The November 2014 operating exam request is tentative (as noted on the enclosed Form 536) based upon Westinghouse's commitment to complete the integrated system validation by July 2014. Should the November 2014 exam need to be rescheduled, SNC requests consideration of increasing the number of candidates for the May 2015 and November 2015 exams from 24 to 36. The Vogtle 3&4 exam requests for 2014 and 2015 are coordinated with V. C. Summer 2 and 3. SNC anticipates coordinating exam request dates for 2016 and 2017 in future submittals.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. R. Pierce".

C. R. Pierce

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Enclosure: NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data for Vogtle Electric
Generating Plant Units 3 and 4

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Enclosure

**NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data
for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4**

**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 Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to infocollections.Resource@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.

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1 (Written) 1 (Operating)	2 (Written) 2 (Operating)	1 (Combined)	1 (Combined)
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	20 (W) 8 (O)	10 (W) 8 (O) 8 (combined)	8 (Combined)	8 (Combined)
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	40 (W) 16 (O)	20 (W) 16 (O) 16 (combined)	16 (Combined)	16 (Combined)
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES	*= Tentative Date			
PRIMARY DATE	08/06/14 (W) 11/03/14 (O*)	02/04/15 (W) 05/11/15 (O) 11/02/15 (Combined)	05/02/2016	04/03/2017
ALTERNATE DATE	08/20/14 (W) 11/10/14 (O*)	02/18/15 (W) 05/25/15 (O) 11/16/15 (Combined)	05/16/2016	04/17/2017

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>				CY <u>2015</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			24				24	