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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 & 2
Southern Nuclear Operating Company's Response to NRC Request for
Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f)
Regarding the Seismic Aspects of Recommendations 2.3 of the Near-Term
Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Daiichi Accident

- References:
1. NRC Letter, *Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Daiichi Accident*, dated March 12, 2012
 2. NRC Letter, *Endorsement of Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Draft Report 1025286, "Seismic Walkdown Guidance,"* dated May 31, 2012

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On March 12, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Reference 1 to all power reactor licensees and holders of construction permits in active or deferred status. Enclosure 3 of Reference 1 contains specific Requested Actions, Requested Information, and Required Responses associated with Recommendation 2.3 for Seismic. This letter provides Southern Nuclear Operating Company's (SNC) 120 day response to Reference 1 for Seismic Recommendation 2.3 for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 1 and 2.

For seismic Recommendation 2.3 (walkdowns), Enclosure 3 of Reference 1 states that each licensee will confirm that they intend to use the NRC-endorsed seismic walkdown procedure or provide to the NRC a description of the process that will be used to conduct the walkdowns and to develop the needed information.

SNC confirms that it will use the seismic walkdown procedure (EPRI Report 1025286, "Seismic Walkdown Guidance: For Resolution of Fukushima Near-

Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3: Seismic") as endorsed by Reference 2 to conduct the walkdowns and develop the needed information at VEGP.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Stringfellow at (205) 992-7037.


Mr. B. L. Ivey states he is Regulatory Affairs Vice President 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of July, 2012.

Nancy Louise Henderson
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My commission expires: March 23, 2014

Respectfully submitted,


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