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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF A PUBLIC MEETING WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR
OPERATING COMPANY TO DISCUSS LICENSING ACTIONS
RELATED TO VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3
AND 4 ON JUNE 13, 2012

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public meeting on June 13, 2012, at NRC's Rockville office located in Rockville, Maryland. The NRC's Office of New Reactors (NRO) staff met with Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) to discuss the construction phase license amendment requests.

Enclosed are the meeting Agenda (Enclosure 1), the meeting attendees list (Enclosure 2), and the technical presentation slides (Enclosure 3). Enclosure 3 can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML12166A369.

Background

SNC submitted License Amendment Requests (LAR) 12-004 and LAR 12-005 for NRC review and approval on April 5 and 23, 2012, respectively. LAR 12-004 is for changes to structures and layouts for the Annex, Turbine and Radwaste buildings and LAR 12-005 is for additional containment electrical penetration assemblies. On May 22, 2012, SNC was notified that NRC could not complete its acceptance review due to insufficient information provided in the LARs. The major deficiencies in the LARS are identified below. On May 30, 2012, SNC requested to withdraw LAR 12-004 and LAR 12-005. On June 11, the NRC transmitted an acknowledgement letters to accept the withdrawal letters for LAR 12-004 and LAR 12-005.

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Discussion

The purpose of this meeting was for SNC to discuss in detail the construction phase license amendment requests and summarize the LAR approach for satisfying Part 52, Appendix D VIII.B.5.a. The topics presented included:

- Design finalization still in progress
 - No as-built information yet
- LARs being submitted to support construction in accordance with license and ISG-25
- Changes must be justified and technically supported
- NRC review consists of audits and inspections of supporting information
- Licensee desires to effectively and efficiently support NRC review
- Work with NRC to facilitate more pre-submittal meetings and discussion
 - Licensee provide overview of scope and description of change
 - Confirm review areas of focus and likely technical documents of Interest
- Pre-submittal interactions could determine on case-by-case basis the primary technical documents of interest
- NRC input on timing of document availability and duration needed

In addition, SNC provided examples of current and near-term departures including Tier 2 departures and associated Tier 1 departures. For withdrawn LARS, the NRC staff explained each of the staff's comments to SNC citing the regulations and Nuclear Energy Institute's NEI guidance document. The staff suggested SNC to adopt the goal of no-request for additional information for LARs going forward. In addition, the Staff advocated the use of pre-submittal meetings for all urgent and high priority LARs or other licensing actions (e.g., relief requests).

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2. Meeting Attendees List
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AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING

**UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
and
Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC)**

June 13, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

PURPOSE: To discuss the licensing action (license amendment request) for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4.

Time	Topic	Led By
8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.	Opening remarks	NRC
8:40 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	Discussion of Issues	SNC/NRC
12:20 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Conclusions/Document actions	NRC
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

Enclosure 1

NRC/Southern Nuclear Operating Company meeting
June 13, 2012
List of Attendees

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