

April 15, 2014

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST
(PAR 14-003), "AUXILIARY BUILDING STRUCTURAL FLOOR DETAIL," FOR
THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNIT 3 AND 4 COMBINED
LICENSE

Dear Mr. Ivey:

By letter dated April 8, 2014, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 14-003 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML14098A336) notifying the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that absent NRC objection, and pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of Licensing Amendment Request (LAR) 14-003 (ADAMS Accession Number ML14094A348), SNC will proceed with the construction activities outlined in Items I, II, and III of Section 7 of Enclosure 1 to the PAR submittal. The PAR is consistent with the proposed plant changes related to auxiliary building structural floor details presented in Updated Final Safety Analysis Report Chapter 3, Appendix 3H as part of LAR 14-003.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1), the NRC has received the LAR (LAR 14-003) referenced in PAR 14-003. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 14-003 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 14-003 for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML14097A164).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 14-003 contained sufficient information on the impact of the proposed plant change on associated Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria. In addition, the NRC staff has reviewed the scope of PAR 14-003 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 14-003. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant change identified in PAR 14-003 pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 14-003. SNC acknowledges that if LAR 14-003 is denied SNC will return the plant to its current licensing basis as required by License Condition 2.D.(1)(b).

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the Senior Project Manager, Ravindra Joshi, at 301-415-6191 or via e-mail at Ravindra.Joshi@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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