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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2
Withdrawal of RR-V-2 and Response
to Request for Additional Information on RR-V-1

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated May 4, 2015, Southern Nuclear Operating Company requested approval, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(a)(z) and 10 CFR 50.55(a)(f), of several relief requests, two of which were RR-V-1 and RR-V-2, "Scram Discharge AOV Ganged Test Timing", and "Traversing In-Core Probe (TIP) Shear Valve Leak Rate Testing", respectively.

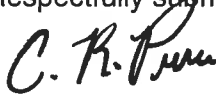
On June 29, 2015, a telephone conference was held between NRC and members of SNC staff to discuss these two relief requests.

Based on those discussions, SNC and NRC agreed that sufficient information is contained within the SNC Local Leak Rate Testing (LLRT) Program and procedures to document the requirements and testing of the TIP system explosive actuated shear valves. The In-Service Testing (IST) program needs to refer to the LLRT program and no relief is required from the Code. Therefore, SNC withdraws RR-V-2.

Regarding RR-V-1, NRC required clarification as to whether the relief request applied to both Units or only to Unit 1. Relief Request RR-V-1 applies only to Unit 1. The Unit 1 Control Rod Drive system timing is adjustable by manipulating needle valves which would also change the stroke times for the applicable Unit 1 valves; therefore, stroke timing the Unit 1 valves would not provide any meaningful information with respect to valve degradation. The Unit 2 system does not contain the needle valves and cannot be adjusted like Unit 1. Consequently, the Unit 2 valves can be stroke time tested and no relief is needed from the requirements of ROJ-V-29.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions, please contact Ken McElroy at (205) 992-7369.

Respectfully submitted,



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