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Mr. C. R. Pierce
Regulatory Affairs Director
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SUBJECT: JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (TAC NOS. MF6211 AND MF6212)

Dear Mr. Pierce:

By letter dated May 12, 2015, the Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (SNC, the licensee) submitted a request to revise the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Technical Specifications consistent with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)-approved Technical Specification Task Force Traveler 523, Revision 2, "Generic Letter 2008-01, Managing Gas Accumulation."

The NRC staff has determined that additional information is needed as discussed in the Enclosure. We request that SNC respond within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please note that the NRC staff's review is continuing and further requests for information may be developed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shawn Williams", is positioned above the typed name.

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Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-348, 50-364

Enclosure:
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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY, INC.

ADOPTION OF TSTF-523, REVISION 2

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TSTF-523, Revision 2, has been approved by the NRC, and the licensee stated in their submittal that the proposed amendment was consistent with TSTF-523, Revision 2. In Enclosure 2 of the submittal, new Surveillance Requirements 3.4.8.3 and 3.9.5.3 use the phrase "Verify required RHR loop locations..." versus the approved TSTF verbiage, "Verify RHR loop locations...." The wording in the submittal is inconsistent with TSTF-523 and Limiting Conditions for Operation (LCOs) 3.4.8 and 3.9.5, which specify that two RHR loops shall be OPERABLE. TSTF-523 uses the qualifier "required" in the surveillance language when the associated LCO calls for only one RHR loop to be operable.

Please revise the submittal to use language that is consistent with the approved traveler and LCOs 3.4.8 and 3.9.5 or provide a technical justification for the deviation.

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