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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT (VEGP) UNITS 3 AND 4 —
ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT AND GRANTING OF EXEMPTION RE: MAIN
CONTROL ROOM EMERGENCY HABITABILITY SYSTEM (VES) DESIGN
CHANGES (TAC NO. RP9512)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has granted the enclosed Exemption and issued the enclosed Amendment No. 48 to Combined Licenses (COL) Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, respectively. The amendment consists of changes to updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) and to Appendix C of the Facility Combined Licenses (COLs) in response to your application dated May 7, 2015.

The exemption allows various changes to main control room emergency habitability system (VES) design changes in Tier 1 and promote consistency with the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report Tier 2 information. The proposed changes impact Tier 1 of the Plant-Specific Design Control Document and Appendix C of the COL as specified in License Amendment Request 15-006. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment No. 48, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation, which includes the evaluation of the amendment and exemption, is also enclosed. The notice of issuance of the amendment and the exemption documents included in this letter will be published in the *Federal Register*.

Sincerely,

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Docket No(s): 52-025
52-026

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