

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING)	Docket Nos. 52-025-LA-2 &
COMPANY, INC.)	52-026-LA-2
)	
(Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 & 4))	

COMMISSION NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT LICENSING ACTION

Consistent with the Commission's policy on notification of NRC adjudicatory bodies and all parties of information on issues in cases before the Commission, counsel for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff ("Staff") hereby informs the Commission and the parties that, on or about December 19, 2016, the Staff proposes to make a final no significant hazards consideration determination and issue a related license amendment to Southern Nuclear Operating Company's Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 & 4 ("the licensee" or "Southern"). This action is being taken in response to Southern's license amendment application dated February 6, 2015,¹ as supplemented by an additional letter,² and will modify Combined License Nos. NFP-91 and NFP-92. Specifically, the license amendment will add two hydrogen igniters to the in-containment refueling water storage tank roof vents, remove control of the hydrogen igniters from the protection and safety monitoring system, clarify the controls available for the hydrogen igniters at the remote shutdown workstation, and make changes to the design aspects of the hydrogen igniters to maintain consistency with various licensing documents.

¹ Letter from Southern Nuclear Operating Co., Inc. to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Request for License Amendment and Exemption: Containment Hydrogen Igniter Changes (LAR-15-003)," dated February 6, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15037A715).

² Supplemental letter dated September 15, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15258A555).

Final versions of the final no significant hazards consideration determination and license amendment will be available through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System ("ADAMS"). When final versions of the documents are available, counsel for the Staff will notify the parties and provide them with the ADAMS Accession Numbers for the documents.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.305, I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "COMMISSION NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT LICENSING ACTION" dated December 13, 2016, have been filed through the Electronic Information Exchange, the NRC's E-Filing System, in the above-captioned proceeding this 13th day of December, 2016

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