

January 30, 2017

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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 3 — ISSUANCE OF  
AMENDMENT RE: COLUMN LINE 7.3 WALL REINFORCEMENT AREA  
CHANGE (LAR 16-024) (CAC NO. RP9542)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

In response to your application, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 68 to Combined License No. NPF-91 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3. The amendment consists of changes to the Facility Combined License (COL), in response to your application dated September 13, 2016.

The amendment authorizes changes to the VEGP Units 3 and 4 Updated Final Safety Analysis Report in the form of departures from the incorporated plant-specific Design Control Document Tier 2\* information. The departures change the provided minimum reinforcement area in the VEGP Unit 3 column line 7.3 wall from elevation 82'-6" to elevation 100'-0".

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

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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Docket Nos.: 52-025

Enclosures:

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2. Safety Evaluation

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