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**Southern Nuclear Operating Company  
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4  
Request for Exemption from Operator Written Examination and Operating Test**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.11, "Specific Exemptions," Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) requests, on behalf of the former Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Unit 2 licensed operator candidates listed in Enclosure 2, an exemption from the requirement of 10 CFR 55.33(a)(2), "Written examination and operating test." Passing the requisite written examination and operating test is a requirement for approval of an initial application for a license as specified in 10 CFR 55.33, "Disposition of an initial application." An exemption from 10 CFR 55.31(a)(3) is also requested on behalf of those candidates listed in Enclosure 2; the requirement involves submitting a written request, from an authorized representative of the facility licensee by which the applicant will be employed, that the written examination and operating test be administered.

Following the closure of VCSNS Units 2 and 3 (VCSNS 2&3), twelve licensed operator candidates trained at VCSNS 2&3 were hired by Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4 (VEGP 3&4). The twelve licensed operator candidates successfully completed a written examination and an operating test while employed at VCSNS 2&3.

Accordingly, in lieu of the requirements of 10 CFR 55.33(a)(2) and 10 CFR 55.31(a)(3), these former VCSNS Unit 2 licensed operator candidates wish to transfer their test pass letters, for written examinations and operating tests taken at VCSNS Unit 2, to VEGP 3 (License Number NPF-91).

The exemption will ensure SNC has a requisite number of licensed operators prior to fuel load for VEGP Unit 3.

Enclosure 1 to this letter presents SNC's detailed basis for the exemption. Enclosure 2 provides the list of operator candidates requesting transfer of their pass letters and contains personally identifiable information; accordingly, SNC requests that Enclosure 2 be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390.

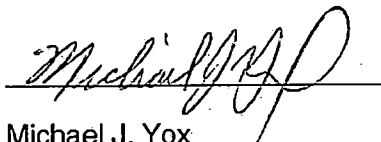
This letter contains no regulatory commitments. This letter has been reviewed and determined not to contain security-related information.

SNC requests NRC staff approval of the requested exemption by April 1, 2019.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kelli Roberts at (706) 848-6991.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael J. Yox", is written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosure 1: Request for Exemption from Operator Written Examination and Operating Test

Enclosure 2: Operator Candidates Requesting Transfer of Their Pass Letters (Personally Identifiable Information- Withhold Under 10 CFR 2.390)

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