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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Technical Specification Changes Associated With
Semiannual Radioactive Effluent Release Report

Gentlemen:

By letter dated June 23, 1992, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a response to Generic Letter 89-01 regarding Radiological Effluent Technical Specification (RETS) changes. By letter dated August 24, 1992, SNC also submitted a license amendment request regarding implementation of the new 10 CFR 20 requirements. Included with the submittals were proposed changes to the Farley Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications which contained references to the Semiannual Radioactive Effluent Release Report. The proposed technical specification changes were made consistent with the recommendations contained in Generic Letter 89-01 and with the new 10 CFR 20. Since that time, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) amended their regulations as noticed in 57 FR 39353 dated August 31, 1992. Specifically, 10 CFR 50.36a, regarding technical specifications on effluents from nuclear power reactors, was one of the regulations revised whereby the frequency of reporting the quantity of each of the principal radionuclides released to unrestricted areas in liquid and in gaseous effluents was changed from semiannual to annual. Such reporting on Farley is currently made on a semiannual basis in the Semiannual Radioactive Effluent Release Report.

In accordance with the new 10 CFR 50.36a, SNC has prepared proposed changes to the Farley Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications, which are provided in Attachment 1, to incorporate the requirements for an Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report in lieu of the current semiannual report. Hand marked and revised typed pages of the proposed technical specifications are included in Attachment 1. The revised typed pages provided in SNC's June 23 and August 24, 1992 submittals, were used for the hand markups as indicated in the page insertion instructions provided with Attachment 1.

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A safety assessment for the proposed technical specification changes is provided in Attachment 2. The supporting significant hazards evaluation pursuant to 10 CFR 50.92 is provided in Attachment 3. Based upon the analysis provided, SNC has determined that the proposed changes to the technical specifications do not involve a significant hazards consideration as defined by 10 CFR 50.92. The supporting environmental evaluation is provided in Attachment 4. Based upon the evaluation provided, SNC has determined that the proposed license amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the environment.

The Plant Operations Review Committee has reviewed and approved these proposed changes and the Nuclear Operations Review Board will review these proposed changes at a future meeting.

SNC requests that these proposed changes be approved coincident with the Generic Letter 89-01 and new 10 CFR 20 proposed technical specification changes. Following approval of this license amendment request, the Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report will be submitted prior to May 1 of each year.

A copy of these proposed changes is being sent to Dr. Donald E. Williamson, the Alabama State Designee, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(b)(1).

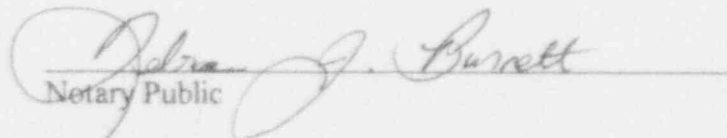
Respectively submitted,

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY


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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 10th DAY OF May, 1993


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My Commission Expires: 9-14-94

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Attachments

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