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Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 3 and 4
Combined License (COL) Operational Programs and
Other License Conditions Implementation Schedule, and the Unit 3 Completion Schedule for
Inspections, Tests, and Analyses (ITA)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Combined Licenses (COLs) NPF-91 and NPF-92 to Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 52.97, "Issuance of combined licenses," on February 10, 2012.

Two license conditions require SNC to submit, no later than twelve months after issuance of the COL, the following:

- A schedule for implementation of the operational programs listed in the Final Safety Analysis Report Table 13.4-201, including the associated estimated date for initial loading of fuel (COL section 2.D.(11))
- A schedule for implementation of the license conditions listed in COL section 2.D.(12)(f)1-9

In accordance with the license conditions, the schedules shall be updated every six months until twelve months before scheduled fuel loading, and every month thereafter until each license condition has been fully implemented.

SNC is also required to submit, with similar frequency, its schedule for completing the Inspections, Tests, or Analyses (ITA) for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) per 10 CFR 52.99(a). SNC intends to submit the Unit 3 updates to the ITAAC schedule every 30 days until the final notification is provided to the NRC under 10 CFR 52.99(c)(1). SNC will continue to provide the Unit 4 ITA completion schedules on the current 6 month periodicity until one year prior to the scheduled date for initial loading of fuel, at which time the Unit 4 ITA schedule will be submitted every 30 days.

On January 13, 2020, SNC submitted the scheduled date for initial loading of fuel at VEGP Unit 3, Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML20013F991, which stated updates to the scheduled date for initial loading of fuel would be made every 30 days in accordance with 10 CFR 52.103(a). The scheduled date for initial loading of fuel at VEGP Unit 3 is November 23, 2020, pending completion of the assessment of COVID-19 impacts discussed in the following paragraph.

Enclosure 1 contains the Unit 3 and 4 COL Operational Programs and Other License Conditions Implementation Schedule. Enclosure 2 contains the Unit 3 Preoperational Test Procedure Completion Schedule. Enclosure 3 contains the Unit 3 Inspections, Tests, and Analyses Completion Schedule. As is typical with a construction project, the schedule information is dynamic in nature. SNC is assessing the specific impacts of the mitigation actions taken in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and it is too early to determine all of the impacts on the current project schedule. The enclosures are based on the schedules provided to the NRC on April 22, 2020, ADAMS Accession Numbers ML20113E995, ML20113E996, ML20113E997, and ML20113E998.

The schedule information provided in the enclosures is considered confidential commercial information and exempt from mandatory public disclosure pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4) and 10 CFR 9.17(a)(4). Following the approach described in SECY-06-0114, no additional withholding determination is needed as the schedule information was demonstrated to be confidential commercial information based on the schedule updates provided to the NRC on February 8, 2019, ADAMS Accession Number ML19039A264, and on October 6, 2017, ADAMS Accession Number ML17279A661. Accordingly, the enclosures to this letter should be withheld from public disclosure.

This letter contains no regulatory commitments.

Should you have questions regarding the enclosed information, please contact Kelli Roberts at (706) 848-6991.

Respectfully submitted,


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- Enclosures:
1. COL Operational Programs and Other License Conditions Implementation Schedule **{Withhold from Public Disclosure}**
 2. Preoperational Test Procedure Completion Schedule **{Withhold from Public Disclosure}**
 3. Unit 3 ITAAC Closure Schedule **{Withhold from Public Disclosure}**

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