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In the Matter of
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING CO.
(Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4)
Docket Nos. 52-025-COL and 52-026-COL

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its Memorandum and Order (Re-establishing Administrative/Discovery Schedule) dated August 4, 2009,¹ the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (“Board”) directed the NRC staff to provide its projected schedule for completion of its safety and environmental evaluations. The requested schedule is set forth below.

Environmental Review

At this time, the anticipated completion date for the COL environmental review is designated as “To Be Determined” to reflect that the staff will develop a schedule for the draft and final supplemental EIS after a final decision is reached regarding the Vogtle early site permit (ESP) application.

¹ *Southern Nuclear Operating Co.* (Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 & 4), ML092160243 (Aug. 4, 2009) (unpublished order).

Safety Review

1. The Advanced SER with no Open Items is scheduled to be issued on October 25, 2010.
2. The ACRS review of the Advanced SER with no Open Items is anticipated to be completed in February 2011.
3. The Final SER is scheduled to be issued on April 12, 2011.

Also pursuant to the Board's August 4 order and 10 C.F.R. § 2.1202(b)(2), the NRC staff hereby notifies the Board and parties of its intention to participate as a party in this proceeding with respect to the admitted contention SAFETY-1.

Respectfully submitted,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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