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For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's application dated January 23, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20023A362).

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of January 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026; NRC-2008-0252]

### Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.; Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption and combined license amendment; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is granting an exemption to allow a departure from the certification information of Tier 1 of the generic design control document (DCD) and is issuing License Amendment Nos. 170 and 168 to Combined Licenses (COL), NPF-91 and NPF-92, respectively. The COLs were issued to Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., and Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, MEAG Power SPVM, LLC, MEAG Power SPVJ, LLC, MEAG Power SPVP, LLC, and the City of Dalton, Georgia (Collectively SNC); for construction and operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, located in Burke County, Georgia.

The granting of the exemption allows the changes to Tier 1 information asked for in the amendment. Because the acceptability of the exemption was determined in part by the acceptability of the amendment, the exemption and amendment are being issued concurrently.

**DATES:** The exemption and amendment were issued on December 27, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2008-0252 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2008-0252. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For

problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document. The request for the amendment and exemption was submitted by letter dated July 8, 2019, and is available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML19189A181, ML19189A182, ML19189A183, and ML19189A184.

- *NRC's PDR*: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chandu Patel, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3025; email: [Chandu.Patel@nrc.gov](mailto:Chandu.Patel@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Introduction**

The NRC is granting an exemption from paragraph B of section III, "Scope and Contents," of appendix D, "Design Certification Rule for the AP1000," to part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), and issuing License Amendment Nos. 170 and 168 to COLs, NPF-91 and NPF-92, respectively, to SNC. The exemption is required by paragraph A.4 of section VIII, "Processes for Changes and Departures," appendix D, to 10 CFR part 52 to allow SNC to depart from Tier 1 information. With the requested amendment, SNC proposed changes to COL Appendix C (and plant-specific DCD Tier 1) to revise Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) to remove a number of functional arrangement ITAAC, whose design commitments are verified via other ITAAC or otherwise verified by other means.

Part of the justification for granting the exemption was provided by the review of the amendment. Because the exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemption and issued the amendment concurrently, rather than in sequence. This included issuing a combined safety evaluation containing the NRC staff's review of both the exemption request and the license amendment. The exemption met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in §§ 50.12, 52.7, and section VIII.A.4 of appendix D to 10 CFR part 52. The license amendment was found to be

acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19337B326.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to SNC for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (COLs, NPF-91 and NPF-92). The exemption documents for VEGP Units 3 and 4 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML19337A741 and ML19337B139, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs, NPF-91 and NPF-92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML19337A926 and ML19337B183, respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document.

**II. Exemption**

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to VEGP Units 3 and Unit 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated July 8, 2019, Southern Nuclear Operating Company requested from the Commission an exemption to allow departures from Tier 1 information in the certified DCD incorporated by reference in 10 CFR part 52, appendix D, as part of license amendment request 19-002, "Functional Arrangement ITAAC Optimization."

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.2 of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation, which can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19337B326, the Commission finds that:

- A. The exemption is authorized by law;
- B. The exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;
- C. The exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;
- D. Special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;
- E. The special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and
- F. The exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, SNC is granted an exemption from the certified DCD Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to Appendix C of the Facility Combined License, as described in the

request dated July 8, 2019. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment No. 170 [for Unit 3, 168 for Unit 4], which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 5.0 of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation (ADAMS Accession No. ML19337B326), this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

**III. License Amendment Request**

By letter dated July 8, 2019 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML19189A181, ML19189A182, ML19189A183, and ML19189A184), SNC requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VEGP, Units 3 and 4, COLs, NPF-91 and NPF-92. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this notice.

The Commission has determined for these amendments that the application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or COL, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on August 29, 2019 (84 FR 45537). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

**IV. Conclusion**

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemptions and issued the amendments that SNC requested on July 8, 2019.

The exemptions and amendments were issued on December 27, 2019, as part of a combined package to SNC (ADAMS Accession No. ML19337A667).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of January 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Victor E. Hall,**

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Board of Governors; Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATES AND TIMES:** Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

**STATUS:** Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.—Closed. Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.—Open.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

**Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. (Closed)**

1. Strategic Issues.
2. Financial and Operational Matters.
3. Compensation and Personnel

Matters.

4. Executive Session—Discussion of prior agenda items and Board governance.

**Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. (Open)**

1. Remarks of the Chairman of the Board of Governors.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General and CEO.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings.
4. Committee Reports.
5. FY2020 Integrated Financial Plan.
6. Quarterly Financial Report.
7. Quarterly Service Performance Report.
8. Approval of Tentative Agenda for the April 1 Meeting.

A public comment period will begin immediately following the adjournment of the open session on February 6, 2020. During the public comment period, which shall not exceed 30 minutes, members of the public may comment on any item or subject listed on the agenda for the open session above. Registration of speakers at the public comment period is required. Speakers may register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BOG-02-06-2020>. Onsite registration will be available until thirty minutes before the meeting starts. No more than three minutes shall be allotted to each

speaker. The time allotted to each speaker will be determined after registration closes. Participation in the public comment period is governed by 39 CFR 232.1(n).

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Michael J. Elston, Secretary of the Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone: (202) 268-4800.

**Michael J. Elston,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-88023; File No. SR-FINRA-2020-001]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Expiration Date of FINRA Rule 0180 (Application of Rules to Security-Based Swaps)

January 23, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, <sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2020, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a “non-controversial” rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act, <sup>3</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing to extend the expiration date of FINRA Rule 0180 (Application of Rules to Security-Based Swaps) to September 1, 2021. FINRA Rule 0180 temporarily limits, with certain exceptions, the application of FINRA rules with respect to security-based swaps.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s website at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

##### A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

On July 1, 2011, the SEC issued an Order granting temporary exemptive relief (the “Temporary Exemptions”) from compliance with certain provisions of the Exchange Act in connection with the revision, pursuant to Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”), <sup>4</sup> of the Exchange Act definition of “security” to encompass security-based swaps. <sup>5</sup> Consistent with the Commission’s action, on July 8, 2011, FINRA filed for immediate effectiveness FINRA Rule 0180, <sup>6</sup> which, with certain exceptions, is intended to temporarily limit the

<sup>4</sup> Public Law 111-203, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010).

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 64795 (July 1, 2011), 76 FR 39927 (July 7, 2011) (Order Granting Temporary Exemptions Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in Connection With the Pending Revision of the Definition of “Security” To Encompass Security-Based Swaps, and Request for Comment) (the “Exemptive Release”). The term “security-based swap” is defined in Section 761 of the Dodd-Frank Act. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67453 (July 18, 2012), 77 FR 48207 (August 13, 2012) (Further Definition of “Swap,” “Security-Based Swap,” and “Security-Based Swap Agreement”; Mixed Swaps; Security-Based Swap Agreement Recordkeeping).

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 64884 (July 14, 2011), 76 FR 42755 (July 19, 2011) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change; File No. SR-FINRA-2011-033) (“FINRA Rule 0180 Notice of Filing”). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85062 (February 6, 2019), 84 FR 3524 (February 12, 2019) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change; File No. SR-FINRA-2019-001) (extending the expiration date of FINRA Rule 0180 to February 12, 2020).