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Via Email and U.S. Mail

Darren Mickler, Executive Director Georgia Professional Licensing Board 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, GA 31217

Re: Vogtle Units 3 and 4 -- PE Stamping Allegations by Nuclear Watch South

Dear Mr. Mickler:

Georgia Power is in receipt of the Board's February 13, 2018 letter declining Nuclear Watch South's request to investigate as well as Nuclear Watch South's letter request for reconsideration submitted to the Board yesterday. Whether viewed as a jurisdictional matter or a defense on the merits, the Board was correct to deny Nuclear Watch South's request based on the plain language of O.C.G.A. § 43-15-29(d). The Board should similarly reject Nuclear Watch South's request that it reverse its decision based on non-regulated power companies coownership of Vogtle 3 and 4.

O.C.G.A. § 43-15-29(d) provides, in relevant part, that Chapter 15 (regulating the practice of professional engineering):

shall not be construed to prevent or affect the practice of professional engineering . . . with respect to utility facilities by any public utility subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission . . . including its parents, affiliates, or subsidiaries . . .

None of the non-regulated co-owners are providing design or engineering services for the Project; nor does Nuclear Watch allege as much. Of course, simply owning part of a construction project does not, as Nuclear Watch South infers, require a PE license. Accordingly, the Board should deny Nuclear Watch South's renewed request for an investigation.

Respectfully,

Jason D. McLarry

¹ Nuclear Watch South's allegation that Southern Nuclear is providing engineering services to the Project is also misguided. Although, Southern Nuclear is statutorily authorized to do so, Westinghouse remains the design authority for the Project pursuant to a Services Agreement approved as part of Westinghouse's bankruptcy proceedings.



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