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AREVA Signs Contract for Outage Services at Farley Nuclear Generating Station

Charlotte, N.C., April 12, 2017 – AREVA NP signed a contract with Southern Nuclear to provide outage services at the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant* units 1 and 2 between 2017 and 2021. Over the course of six outages, AREVA NP will provide refueling, steam generator and specialty non-destructive examination services, inspection and reactor coolant pump services that support the Farley plant in providing carbon-free and reliable electricity to Alabama’s grid.

“This contract marks the beginning of a four-year outage services agreement and an important next step in the long-term relationship with the team at Farley,” said Craig Ranson, senior vice president of the Installed Base Business Unit in the United States. “Every day, our focus is on helping our customers maintain and improve the performance of their nuclear energy facilities. With our combined expert teams and advanced technologies, we will help the Farley Nuclear Generating Station achieve diversity of supply while improving operational performance.”

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“AREVA NP has an innovative and cost-effective approach to the work they do for us, and has proven that they are prepared to make improvements in our outage performance in the quality of work completed, outage duration and overall cost,” said Dennis Madison, site vice president of the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant. “Our company has worked with AREVA NP’s team over the past five years on projects throughout the fleet. Their

track record of high quality work demonstrates they will be an effective partner for Farley. This is a key step for Southern Nuclear as we look to build a larger and more diverse supplier base and look for all opportunities to find cost savings.”

** The Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, located near Dothan, Ala., currently provides more than 20 percent of Alabama Power’s electricity. It is owned by Alabama Power and operated by Southern Nuclear Operating Company.*

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AREVA in North America (AREVA Inc.) combines U.S. and Canadian leadership to supply high added-value products and services to support the operation of the commercial nuclear fleet. Globally, AREVA is present throughout the entire nuclear cycle, from uranium mining to used fuel recycling, including nuclear reactor design and operating services. AREVA is recognized by utilities around the world for its expertise, its skills in cutting-edge technologies and its dedication to the highest level of safety. AREVA Inc.’s employees are helping build tomorrow’s energy model: supplying ever safer, cleaner and more economical energy to the greatest number of people. Visit us at <http://us.areva.com> or follow us on [Twitter: @AREVAus](https://twitter.com/AREVAus).

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About Southern Nuclear

Southern Nuclear, a subsidiary of Southern Company (NYSE: SO), is a leader among the nation's nuclear energy facility operators and an innovator in advanced nuclear technologies. Southern Nuclear is an essential part of Southern Company's energy portfolio, and its importance will continue to grow as America transitions to a low-carbon energy future. While the company produces clean, safe and reliable nuclear energy, it's also an economic engine powered by quality jobs and community service. Southern Nuclear operates a total of six units for Alabama Power and Georgia Power at the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant near Dothan, Ala.; the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant near Baxley, Ga.; and the Alvin W. Vogtle Electric Generating Plant near Waynesboro, Ga. Southern Nuclear is the licensee of two new nuclear units currently under construction at Plant Vogtle that are among the first nuclear units being constructed in the United States in more than 30 years. Southern Nuclear received numerous accolades in 2016 for leadership in the advancement of nuclear energy including the Special Achievement Award by the United States Nuclear Infrastructure Council and the Presidential Citation by the American Nuclear Society. Southern Nuclear also received two of the Nuclear Energy Institute's Top Innovative Practice awards and special recognition for achieving excellence in research and performance. Southern Nuclear's Plant Hatch received the ANS Operations & Power Division's Utility Achievement Award for plant improvements that resulted in a record-setting refueling outage duration. The company's headquarters is in Birmingham, Ala. Twitter: @SouthernNuclear; Facebook: facebook.com/southernuclear; www.southernuclear.com

About Southern Company

Southern Company (NYSE: SO) is America's premier energy company, with 44,000 MW of generating capacity and 1,500 billion cubic feet of combined natural gas consumption and throughput volume serving 9 million electric and gas utility customers through its subsidiaries. The company provides clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy through electric utilities in four states, natural gas distribution utilities in seven states, a competitive generation company serving wholesale customers across America and a nationally recognized provider of customized energy solutions, as well as fiber optics and wireless communications. Southern Company brands are known for excellent customer service, high reliability and affordable prices that are below the national average. Through an industry-leading commitment to innovation, Southern Company and its subsidiaries are inventing America's energy future by developing the full portfolio of energy resources, including carbon-free nuclear, 21st century coal, natural gas, renewables and energy efficiency, and creating new products and services for the benefit of customers. Southern Company has been named by the U.S. Department of Defense and G.I. Jobs magazine as a top military employer, recognized among the Top 50 Companies for Diversity by DiversityInc, listed by Black Enterprise magazine as one of the 40 Best Companies for Diversity and designated a Top Employer for Hispanics by Hispanic Network. The company has earned a National Award of Nuclear Science and History from the National Atomic Museum Foundation for its leadership and commitment to nuclear development and is continually ranked among the top utilities in Fortune's annual World's Most Admired Electric and Gas Utility rankings. Visit our website at www.southerncompany.com.