

August 22, 2011

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing to notify you that the Commission is convening an evidentiary hearing on October 12, 2011, to be continued if necessary on October 13, 2011, associated with the application for two combined licenses to authorize construction and operation of Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3, located in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Enclosed is a *Federal Register* Notice regarding the mandatory hearing that has been sent to the Office of the Federal Register to be published.

The Commission's procedures allow any interested State, local government body, or affected, federally-recognized Indian Tribe to file with the Commission a statement of any issues or questions that the State, local government body, or Indian Tribe wishes the Commission to give particular attention to as part of the mandatory hearing. Written statements from interested governmental or Tribal participants, including interested states, are due by September 12, 2011. Representatives from your state have interacted with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) throughout the process. Should you be interested in providing a written statement on behalf of the state of South Carolina, we encourage a coordinated response through your State Liaison Officer (SLO) to the NRC.

As provided in the enclosed hearing notice, written statements and supporting documentation (if any) should be submitted to the Commission using the agency's E-filing system. If practicable, we request that written statements be filed by use of the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE). If your staff does not already have a digital certificate for EIE, please contact the NRC's Office of the Secretary to request an approval code to apply online for a digital certificate by e-mail at [hearingdocket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearingdocket@nrc.gov) or by telephone at (301) 415-1677. If your staff requires assistance in navigating the agency's E-Filing system, please contact the NRC's Metasystem Help Desk (accessible through the "Contact Us" link located on the E-Filing website), by e-mail at [mshd.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:mshd.resource@nrc.gov), or by telephone toll free at (866) 672-7640 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, with the exception of government

holidays. If your staff is unable to use the EIE, or will have difficulty complying with EIE requirements in the time frame provided for the submission of written statements, the state's written statement may be transmitted by electronic mail to [hearingdocket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearingdocket@nrc.gov).

In addition, the staff has recently provided the Commission a publicly available SECY paper (pre-filed testimony) regarding this matter: SECY-11-0115, dated August 19, 2011, Staff Statement in Support of the Uncontested Hearing for the Issuance of Combined Licenses for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3 (Docket Nos. 52-027 and 52-028). The paper may be found on the NRC public website (ML111320113) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/recent/2011/>.

Sincerely,

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