

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

BEFORE THE COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
)	Docket Nos. 52-027-COL
)	52-028-COL
SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS)	
COMPANY AND SOUTH CAROLINA)	
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY (ALSO)	
REFERRED TO AS SANTEE COOPER))	
)	
(Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station Units 2)	February 27, 2012
and 3))	
)	

**SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY’S RESPONSE TO THE
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF’S FEBRUARY 22, 2012 NOTICE**

On February 22, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC”) Staff filed a “Notice to Commission of Information Relevant to the V.C. Summer Uncontested Hearing” (“Staff Notice”) in this uncontested proceeding for issuance of the combined licenses (“COLs”) for V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3. The Staff stated, in its Notice, that on February 17, 2012, it sent the Commission SECY-12-0025 regarding proposed orders and requests for information in response to the Fukushima event.¹ As relevant here, in SECY-12-0025, the Staff proposed issuing two orders related to the recently-issued Vogtle COLs (“Vogtle Orders”), because the “additional requirements [imposed by those orders] are needed to provide adequate protection to public health and safety.”² The Vogtle Orders relate to enhanced mitigative strategies and spent fuel pool instrumentation.³ The Staff Notice further stated that “if the Commission otherwise

¹ Staff Notice at 1; SECY-12-0025, Proposed Orders and Requests for Information in Response to Lessons Learned from Japan’s March 11, 2011, Great Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami (Feb. 17, 2012).

² Staff Notice at 2.

³ See SECY-12-0025, Enclosure 4, Attachment 3; Enclosure 6, Attachment 3.

authorizes the issuance of the V.C. Summer COLs, the Staff is prepared to include the substance of the Vogtle Orders as license conditions in the V.C. Summer COLs.”⁴

On February 24, 2012, the Secretary of the Commission issued an Order allowing the applicants in this proceeding to file a response to the Staff Notice.⁵ South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) submits the following response on behalf of the applicants in this proceeding.

SCE&G acknowledges that if the Commission concludes that the Vogtle Orders are necessary for adequate protection to public health and safety, then they need to be addressed in the V.C. Summer COLs. Therefore, if the Commission already has concluded that the Vogtle Orders or any other actions proposed in SECY-12-0025 are necessary for adequate protection, then SCE&G agrees to their inclusion as license conditions.

⁴ Staff Notice at 2.

⁵ Order, at 1 (Feb. 24, 2012).

Respectfully submitted,

Executed in Accord with 10 C.F.R. § 2.304(d)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on February 27, 2012, copies of “South Carolina Electric & Gas Company’s Response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff’s February 22, 2012 Notice” was served electronically with the Electronic Information Exchange on the following recipients:

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