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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Subject: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION (VCSNS) UNIT 1
DOCKET NO. 50-395
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-12
WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR WELD RECATEGORIZATION AND USE
OF ALTERNATIVES TO ASME CODE INSPECTION INTERVAL FOR VCSNS
THIRD TEN YEAR INSERVICE INSPECTION (RR-III-08)

- References:
1. Letter from Thomas D. Gatlin, SCE&G, dated June 21, 2012, REQUEST FOR WELD RECATEGORIZATION FOR VCSNS STEAM GENERATOR NOZZLE TO SAFE END WELDS [PRELIMINARY SUBMITTAL – RR-III-08], (ADAMS Accession No. ML12177A381)
 2. Letter from Thomas D. Gatlin, SCE&G, dated July 27, 2012, REQUEST FOR WELD RECATEGORIZATION AND USE OF ALTERNATIVES TO ASME CODE INSPECTION INTERVAL FOR VCSNS THIRD TEN YEAR INSERVICE INSPECTION (RR-III-08), (ADAMS Accession No. ML12212A287)
 3. Letter from Thomas D. Gatlin, SCE&G, dated September 13, 2012, RESPONSE TO NRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR WELD RECATEGORIZATION AND USE OF ALTERNATIVES TO ASME CODE INSPECTION INTERVAL FOR VCSNS THIRD TEN YEAR INSERVICE INSPECTION (RR-III-08) (TAC No. ME8966)
 4. Letter from Robert Pascarelli, NRC, to Thomas D. Gatlin, SCE&G, dated October 17, 2012, VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1, ALTERNATIVE RR-III-08 FOR THIRD 10 YEAR INSERVICE INSPECTION INTERVAL (TAC No. ME8966)

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company submitted relief request RR-III-08 (ML12177A381) for Recategorization and Use of Alternatives to ASME Code Inspection Interval for VCSNS Third Ten Year Inservice Inspection, in a letter dated June 21, 2012 (Reference 1) and subsequent letters (References 2 and 3). The request sought relief from the inspection requirements of 10CFR50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(F) by proposing an alternative weld recategorization based upon guidance of ASME Code Case N-770-1 and an alternative to the implementation date requirements contained in 10CFR50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(F)(3).

In a letter to Thomas D. Gatlin, SCE&G, dated October 17, 2012 (Reference 4), the NRC concluded that SCE&G had provided sufficient technical basis in RR-III-08 for relief from the

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requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(F)(3) and authorized SCE&G to extend the inspection interval from the fall 2012 refueling outage until the spring 2014 refueling outage. The NRC also noted that it had not completed its review of SCE&G's request for recategorization of the welds under ASME Code Case N-770-1.

SCE&G has identified the need to provide additional information pertaining to its request for weld recategorization and plans to obtain this information from the weld inspections scheduled to be performed during the 2014 refueling outage. SCE&G hereby withdraws the Request for Recategorization for the Steam Generator Nozzle Dissimilar Metal Welds portion of RR-III-08. SCE&G intends to resubmit the recategorization request after the welds have been inspected in the 2014 refueling outage.

This letter contains no commitments. Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Bruce Thompson at (803) 931-5042.

Very truly yours,



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