

April 3, 2014

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT AND EXEMPTION (LAR 13-09) FOR
THE VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 2 AND 3: ANNEX AND
RADWASTE BUILDING CHANGES (TAC NO. RQ0409)

Dear Mr. Jones:

By letter dated February 27, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under Accession No. ML14065A022), South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) submitted a request for a license amendment (LAR) for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3. The proposed license amendment request would depart from the plant-specific Design Control Document (DCD) Tier 1 and Tier 2 material by making changes to the annex and radwaste building structures and layout by:

- (1) Updating the annex building column line designations on affected Tier 1 Figures and Tier 2 Figure 3.7.2-19; and
- (2) Revising the radwaste building configuration including the shielding design and radiation area monitoring.

SCE&G has also requested an exemption from the provisions of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52, Appendix D, Section III.B, "Design Certification Rule for the AP1000 Design, Scope and Contents," to allow a departure from the elements of the certification information in Tier 1 of the generic DCD.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this LAR. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical reviews. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

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The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability, of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment.

Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-6191 or Ravindra.Joshi@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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