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Mr. Ronald A. Jones, Vice President
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Jenkinsville, SC 29065

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST
(PAR 15-09), "USE OF AWS D1.1-2000 CRITERIA FOR STRUCTURAL WELDS,"
FOR THE VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 2 AND 3

Dear Mr. Jones:

By letters dated June 4 and June 9, 2015, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G/licensee) submitted a Preliminary Amendment Requests (PAR) 15-09 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML15166A074) and PAR 15-09-02 (ADAMS Accession Number ML15160A486) notifying the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that absent NRC objection, and pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of License Amendment Request (LAR) 15-09 (ADAMS Accession Number ML15146A455), SCE&G will proceed with construction of components for seismic Category I and II structures utilizing the criteria of American Welding Society (AWS) D1.1-2000 for Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station Units 2 and 3 and consistent with requested changes in LAR 15-09.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1), the NRC has received the LAR 15-09, referenced in PAR 15-09. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 15-09 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 15-09 for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML15154A637). LAR 15-09 has been supplemented by documents dated May 28, 2015 (ADAMS Accession Number ML15148A815) and June 29, 2015 (ADAMS Accession Number ML15181A079).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 15-09 and PAR 15-09-02 contained sufficient information on the impact of the proposed plant change on associated Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria. In addition, the NRC staff has reviewed the scope of both PARs and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 15-09 as supplemented. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SCE&G proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant change identified in PAR 15-09 and PAR15-09-02, including preparation activities and concrete placement inside containment from elevation 80' 6" to 84' 6", pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 15-09 as revised. SCE&G acknowledges that if LAR 15-09 is denied SCE&G will return the plant to its current licensing basis as required by License Condition 2.D.(1)(b).

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the Senior Project Manager, Denise McGovern, at 301-415-0681 or via e-mail at Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Francis Akstulewicz, Director
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