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**SUBJECT: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 2 AND 3 — ISSUANCE OF
AMENDMENT NO. 31 AND GRANTING OF EXEMPTION RE: RECONCILIATION
OF TIER 1 VALVE DIFFERENCES (TAC NO. RQ0313)**

Dear Mr. Jones:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has granted the enclosed Exemption and issued the enclosed Amendment No. 31 to Combined Licenses Nos. NPF-93 and NPF-94 for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3, respectively. The amendment consists of changes to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) and Appendix C of the Facility Combined Licenses (COLs) in response to your application dated February 7, 2013, and supplemented by the letters dated July 19, 2013, November 21, 2013, February 6, 2014, February 20, 2014, May 12, 2014, September 22, 2014, and November 19, 2014.

The exemption allows changes to Tier 1 and promotes consistency with the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report Tier 2 information. The proposed changes impact Tier 1 of the Plant-Specific Design Control Document and Appendix C of the COL as specified in License Amendment Request 13-04. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment No. 31, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation, which includes the evaluation of the amendment and exemption, is also enclosed. The notice of issuance of the amendment and the exemption documents included in this letter will be published in the *Federal Register*.

Sincerely,

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52-028

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