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Yan,

By letter dated May 27, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21147A377), Dominion Energy South Carolina (DESC, the licensee) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (VCSNS).

The amendment would revise the VCSNS Technical Specifications (TS) 6.3 by relocating "Unit Staff Qualification" to the Dominion Energy Nuclear Facility Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD) consistent with guidance contained in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Administrative Letter (AL) 95-06, "Relocation of Technical Specification Administrative Controls to Quality Assurance."

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the 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 review. 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.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), an application for an amendment to a license (including the TSs) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

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 amendments 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. If a request for additional information (RAI) is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this LAR will take approximately 100 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review in approximately 12 months, which is June 30, 2022. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new

estimates, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including RAls, unanticipated addition of scope to the review, and review by NRC advisory committees or hearing-related activities. Additional delay may occur if the submittal is provided to the NRC in advance or in parallel with industry program initiatives or pilot applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me and Vaughn Thomas.

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