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Dear Mr. Dixon:

Subject: Emergency Preparedness Exercise Exemption

The Commission has issued the enclosed exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1.a concerning provisions for participation of State and local government agencies in South Carolina Electric and Gas Company's 1984 annual emergency preparedness exercise at the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station. The exemption provides that the State and local government agencies having jurisdiction in the 10 mile emergency planning zone need not participate in the March 21, 1984, emergency preparedness exercise at V. C. Summer Nuclear Station on condition that the subject agencies are prepared to provide such limited support as may be essential to the conduct of the licensee's exercise.

This exemption is specific to the March 21, 1984, emergency preparedness exercise at the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station.

The exemption is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Exemption

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In the Matter of

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE
AUTHORITY

Docket No. 50-395

Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station,
Unit No. 1

EXEMPTION

I.

The South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) and South Carolina Public Service Authority hold operating license number NPF-12 which authorizes the operation of the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1. The facility consists of one pressurized water reactor located at the licensees' site near Jenkinsville, South Carolina.

II.

Section IV.F.1.a. of Appendix E to 10 CFR 50 requires each licensee to hold emergency preparedness exercises at a frequency which will enable each State and local government within the plume exposure pathway emergency planning zone to participate in at least one full-scale exercise per year.

SCE&G's letter of January 18, 1984, to Harold R. Denton, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, requested that an exemption be granted from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1.a. as it applies to participation by State and local government agencies in the planned March 21, 1984, full-scale emergency preparedness exercise to be held at the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1.

SCE&G bases this request for exemption on the previous successful

participation by State and local government agencies in full-scale and limited-scale exercises in May 1981 and March 1983, which resulted in favorable findings by FEMA and NRC. SCE&G contends that the experience gained by the State and local government agencies during the exercises is sufficient basis for relief from the annual exercise frequency requirement.

The NRC staff has reviewed the participation of the State in an October 1983 exercise with the H. B. Robinson Nuclear Power Station and the local government agencies in the March 1983 exercise for the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station. The staff determined that the agencies demonstrated a capability to respond effectively to nuclear power station emergency conditions. Based on this review, the staff concludes that an exemption pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1.a., is justified, subject to the condition that the State and local government agencies may be required to provide such minimal support as may be essential to the conduct of the March 21, 1984, onsite emergency preparedness exercise.

Based on our evaluation, the staff has concluded that non-participation by State and local government agencies in the March 21, 1984, emergency preparedness exercise for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1 will not adversely affect the overall state of emergency preparedness for the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station and that the requested exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1.a. should be granted.

III.

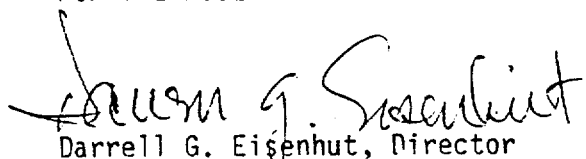
Accordingly, the Commission has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, an exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

The NRC staff has determined that the granting of this exemption will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 20th day of March 1984.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Office Of Nuclear Reactor Regulation