

October 21, 1985

Docket No. 50-395

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Dear Mr. Dixon:

Subject: Steam Generator Tube Inspection  
(Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1)

Your letters of August 30, September 18, and October 16, 1985, contained a proposed amendment to the Technical Specifications for the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station which would provide flexibility for dealing with steam generator tube imperfections besides the current method of tube plugging.

Because your requested amendment changes a reactor coolant pressure boundary, we find that the amendment involves a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Therefore, this amendment constitutes a significant hazards consideration. We are, therefore, issuing a notice (copy enclosed) of opportunity for prior hearing.

Sincerely,

/S/

Thomas M. Novak, Assistant Director  
for Licensing  
Division of Licensing

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONSOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANYSOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITYDOCKET NO. 50-395NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTTO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE ANDOPPORTUNITY FOR PRIOR HEARING

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-12, issued to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and South Carolina Public Service Authority (the licensee), for operation of the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1, located in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

The amendment would revise Technical Specification 3/4.4.5, "Steam Generators" and its bases and Technical Specification Table 4.4-2, "Steam Generator Tube Inspection." The revision would allow steam generator tube imperfections to be addressed by the Westinghouse P-STAR evaluation method as an alternative to the current requirement for tube plugging. Under the P-STAR evaluation method, if tube imperfections located within the tubesheet are below the distance P-STAR (the top 1.25" of the tubesheet), then the tube need not be plugged. The licensee's application for amendment was dated August 30, 1985, and supplemented September 18, and October 16, 1985.

Prior to issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

By November 25, 1985, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license

and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene. Request for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and License Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR §2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to fifteen (15) days prior to the first pre-hearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter, and the bases for each contention set forth with reasonable specificity. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner or representative for the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at (800) 325-6000 (in Missouri (800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number 3737 and the following message addressed to Elinor G. Adensam: (petitioner's name and telephone number); (date petition was mailed); (plant name); and (publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice). A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director,

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Randolph R. Mahan, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, P.O. Box 764, Columbia, South Carolina 29218, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the applications for amendment dated August 30 and September 18, and October 16, 1985, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. and at the Fairfield County Library, Garden and Washington Streets, Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1985.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darl S. Hood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D" and "H".

Darl S. Hood, Acting Branch Chief  
Licensing Branch No. 4  
Division of Licensing