

June 6, 2002

Mr. David A. Christian, Senior Vice President
Nuclear Operations and Chief Nuclear Officer
Virginia Electric and Power Company
Richmond, Virginia 23261

SUBJECT: NORTH ANNA UNITS 1 AND 2, AND SURRY, UNITS 1 AND 2 LICENSE
RENEWAL DRAFT SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT WITH OPEN ITEMS

Dear Mr. Christian:

By a letter dated May 29, 2001, Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPC) submitted two applications to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for renewal of the North Anna Units 1 and 2, and Surry Units 1 and 2 operating licenses for an additional 20 years. The license renewal applications (LRAs) were submitted pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 54. The NRC determined that the LRAs were complete and acceptable for docketing on July 30, 2001. The NRC staff has reviewed both applications and has developed the enclosed "Safety Evaluation Report With Open Items for North Anna Units, 1 and 2, and Surry, Units 1 and 2," hereafter referred to as the SER, June 2002. This SER reflects the status of the staff's review of the applicant's LRAs, request for additional information and clarification, and the applicant's responses to the NRC staff's requests through May 22, 2002, unless otherwise noted. Issuance of the enclosed SER is an important milestone for both the applicant and the staff.

The NRC staff has identified open items as well as confirmatory items in its review that must be resolved before it can make a final determination on the application. These open items, the majority of which were previously discussed with your staff are summarized in Section 1.4 of the SER. This section also includes a listing of confirmatory items with the explanation of the information required to satisfactorily resolve the issue. In order to close these items, the staff needs the additional information identified in the SER.

In accordance with the schedule for completing the review of the North Anna and Surry renewal applications, the applicant is requested to review the enclosed SER, verify its accuracy, and provide comments and response to the confirmatory items by August 22, 2002. The NRC staff also plans to review the format of this SER to further improve its content while incorporating the applicant's responses. A complete and revised SER will be issued by November 5, 2002.

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The staff is committed to completing the review of the North Anna and Surry LRAs in a timely manner and will continue to look for opportunities to improve the schedule. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the project manager, Omid Tabatabai, at 301-415-3738.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: PTKuo

Pao-Tsin Kuo, Program Director

License Renewal and Environmental Impacts

Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs

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