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South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-395/97-02
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Taylor:

An NRC inspection was conducted May 12 - 16, 1997, at your Summer facility. This was an inspection of your implementation of the requirements of 10 CFR 50.65, "Requirements for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants" [the Maintenance Rule]. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Your program for implementing the requirements of the Maintenance Rule followed the guidance provided in NUMARC 93-01, "Industry Guideline for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," dated May 1993, which was endorsed in Regulatory Guide 1.160, "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," dated January 1995. However, your implementation of updated guidance provided in NUMARC 93-01, "Industry Guideline for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," Revision 2, dated April 1996, which was endorsed in Regulatory Guide 1.160, "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," Revision 2, dated March 1997, was being accomplished during the inspection period. The inspection concluded that your program was comprehensive and was being effectively implemented.

Strengths were noted in establishment of detailed performance criteria, the capture and trending of operating data, and the performance of required engineering evaluations. Weaknesses were identified relative to performance criteria for some risk-significant, systems, structures, and components (SSCs) not being consistent with Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) assumptions. One violation was identified relative to inappropriate corrective action for an (a)(1) SCC.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation is described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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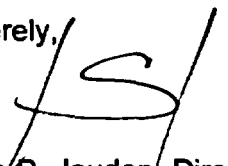
In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,



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Docket No.: 50-395
License No.: NPF-12

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report 50-395/97-02

Attachment: Licensee Handout on NRC Maintenance Rule Baseline Inspection dated May 12, 1997

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