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Mr. Pao-Tsin Kuo
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

RE: V. C. Summer Nuclear Station License Renewal Review and National Historic Preservation Act,
Section 106 Review Process (Revised Report)

Dear Mr. Kuo:

Thank you for providing us with additional information related to the proposed undertaking in Fairfield County, South Carolina. We have reviewed the report and have a few comments that need to be addressed in a final report.

The description of archaeological site 38FA37 (Page 6) states that erosion was observed along the shoreline about 20-30 meters from the site. A review of our Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) using aerial photography clearly indicates that this site is located along the reservoir shoreline and that erosion is taking place. The description of the site that appears on the original site form, however, states that there are no intact archaeological deposits at the site. The site is located along an eroded landform and has minimal integrity. Our office therefore considers archaeological 38FA37 **not eligible** for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In the future, we recommend that you include a copy of the original site form with the report. The final report should indicate that this site is not eligible for the National Register.

The images provided on CD supported the observation that no erosion was taking place at archaeological sites 38FA33 and 38FA298. Our office considers these sites **potentially eligible** for the National Register of Historic Places. We appreciate the effort that went into providing us with the photographs of these two sites.

Finally, we do not concur with your agency's recommendation that "there will be no effect on historic properties within the APE." Based on the amended Section 106 regulations, we feel that the proposed undertaking will have "no adverse effect" on historic properties.

These comments have been provided to assist you with your responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and the regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 800. Please contact me at 803-896-6181 if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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