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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN THE PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION – THE VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 3 AND 4
COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Clary:

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has developed a computer-based system for processing Requests for Additional Information (RAIs), which has been discussed at several public meetings with industry. Implementation of the electronic RAI Workflow Process does not change the NRC's overall position regarding the importance and processing of RAIs. Rather, it is an effort to shorten the time required for RAI processing and make it more efficient. In general, as RAIs are developed by the NRC staff, they will be processed and approved electronically. After approval, they will be provided to applicants as an attachment to an e-mail from the NRC Project Manager. The e-mail and attached questions will be entered into the Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) as the official agency record and made available to the public through ADAMS and the NRC public website. With the implementation of the electronic system, it is the intent of the NRC to eliminate distribution of paper copies of RAIs to applicants and of paper and email copies to those listed on the respective distribution lists. We understand that South Carolina Electric and Gas Company will continue to respond to RAIs by letter.

We believe that this new process is more efficient, and will provide quicker access to RAIs by applicants, the public, as well as other stakeholders on the various distribution lists. Instances in which this process creates a hardship for a recipient that had previously relied on paper copies will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and efforts made to accommodate the circumstances of the particular situation.

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If you have questions, I can be reached at (301) 415-6191 or by e-mail at Ravindra.Joshi@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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