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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division

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Ms. Patricia Vokoun  
Project Manager  
Office of New Reactors  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop T7E30  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Vokoun:

It is our understanding that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received a Combined License Application from SCANA Corporation for the proposed V.C. Summer Nuclear Power Station Units 2 and 3 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. It is further understood that the NRC will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. Your NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR Parts 51 and 52) provide for the invitation of those federal agencies having jurisdiction by law (permitting and land transfer authority), to be designated as Cooperating Agencies in the preparation of an EIS.

In accordance with the *Memorandum of Understanding Between U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Environmental Reviews Related to the Issuance of Authorizations to Construct and Operate Nuclear Power Plants* (September 12, 2008), please accept this letter as a formal request from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Charleston District to serve as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of the EIS. As a Cooperating Agency, the USACE will participate in the environmental evaluation process with the NRC acting as the Lead Agency.

USACE involvement will entail aspects of the EIS under our jurisdiction. Though no direct writing analysis may be required from our agency in the preparation of the EIS, we will be providing comments as appropriate. We expect to be actively involved in the NEPA process as well as the contents of the document in order for the FEIS to meet our regulatory needs under the NEPA, the Clean Water Act (CWA), and 33 CFR Parts 330-332. Additionally, we agree to undertake the following activities in an effort to maintain the utmost in interagency cooperation:

- Determination of Basic and Overall Project Purpose for CWA on issues under our Jurisdiction;
- Participate in public and agency meetings;
- When appropriate, provide technical consultation on the scope and alternatives associated with the Project;
- Participate in joint field reviews;
- Provide verification of waters of the United States for the proposed site locations and alternative sites;
- Receive and review project information and technical studies, to include review and comment on the draft environmental documents.

We look forward to cooperating with NRC in the NEPA/EIS process. Though we anticipate our mutual participation will help facilitate the federal environmental permit process, it cannot be interpreted as a guarantee of permit issuance.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Richard Darden at 843-329-8043 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, positioned above the typed name.

J. Richard Jordan III  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Commander