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ATTENTION OF

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Ms. Patricia Vokoun
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop T7E30
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Combined Licenses for V.C. Summer
Nuclear Station Units 2 and 3

Dear Ms. Vokoun:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has prepared the *Final Environmental Impact Statement For Combined Licenses for Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station Units 2 and 3* (FEIS). As a Cooperating Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District (Corps) is pleased to concur in the release of the FEIS for public availability.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and 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), the Corps has participated in the environmental evaluation process with the NRC acting as the Lead Agency. Corps involvement has included aspects of the FEIS relevant to our jurisdiction, including review and comment on the document and limited text generated by the Corps. We appreciate the efforts of NRC to actively involve the Corps, thereby insuring the document will meet our regulatory needs under NEPA, the Clean Water Act and 33 CFR Parts 330-332.

We look forward to cooperating with NRC through the remainder of the NEPA/EIS process. While we anticipate our continued 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,

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