

January 16, 2013

Mr. Ronald A. Jones, Vice President
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South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST
(PAR 12-02), "TIER 1 DEFINITION OF WALL THICKNESSES," FOR THE
VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION UNIT 2 COMBINED LICENSE

Dear Mr. Jones:

By letter dated December 6, 2012, South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) submitted a Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 12-02 notifying the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that, absent NRC objection, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of Licensing Amendment Request (LAR) 12-02, SCE&G will proceed with the installation of the proposed plant change related to the information found in plant-specific Design Control Document (DCD) Tier 1 Table 3.3-1 and corresponding Table 3.3-1 in Appendix C of the Combined License.

As required by License Condition 2.D(1), the NRC has received the license amendment request (LAR 12-02) referenced in PAR 12-02. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 12-02 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 12-02 for review (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession Number ML12291A741).

The NRC staff has determined PAR 12-02 contained a sufficient description of the no significant hazards consideration determination, the categorical exclusion from environmental review, and of the impact of the proposed plant change on associated Inspections, Tests, Analyses and Acceptance Criteria. In addition, NRC staff has reviewed the scope of PAR 12-02 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 12-02. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SCE&G proceeding with the proposed plant change identified in PAR 12-02, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 12-02. SCE&G acknowledges that if LAR 12-02 is denied, SCE&G will return the plant to its current licensing basis.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the Project Manager, Denise McGovern, at 301-415-0681 or via e-mail at denise.mcgovern@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA Frank Akstulewicz for:/

David B. Matthews, Director
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