November 24, 2014

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT AND EXEMPTION (LAR 13-36) FOR THE VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 2 AND 3: COMPONENT INTERFACE MODULE / DIVERSE ACTUATION SYSTEM DIVERSITY (TAC NO. RQ0419)

Dear Mr. Jones:

By letter dated September 11, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML14254A371), South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G/licensee) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) to Combined License (COL) Numbers NPF-93 and NPF-94, for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3, respectively. The proposed license amendment would clarify the position on design diversity, specifically human diversity, as related to the Component Interface Module and Diverse Actuation System diversity.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of the revised LAR. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical reviews. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license must fully describe the changes requested, and follow as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 52.79 of the 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability, of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment.

Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-0681 or Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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