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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 2 AND 3 LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST 15-01, "HUMAN FACTORS VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION PLAN UPDATES TO SUPPORT INTEGRATED SYSTEM VALIDATION (TAC NO. RQ0440)

Dear Ms. Rice and Mr. Gresham:

By letter dated February 10, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15041A698), as supplemented by letter dated March 24, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15083A206), the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G/licensee) submitted an affidavit dated February 6, 2015 (and corrected March 13, 2015), which requested that the information contained in Enclosures 3P, 4P, and 5P of SCE&G's Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3, License Amendment Request (LAR) 15-01 be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390. The titles of the documents in Enclosures 3P, 4P, and 5P are as follows:

APP-OCS-GEH-120, "AP1000 Human Factors Engineering Design Verification Plan," Revision 3

APP-OCS-GEH-220, "AP1000 Human Factors Engineering Task Support Verification Plan," Revision 4

APP-OCS-GEH-320, "AP1000 Human Factors Engineering Integrated System Validation Plan," Revision 6

A nonproprietary copy of each of the documents has been supplied by the applicant and placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Public Document Room and added to the NRC Library in ADAMS. Those non-proprietary versions are included with the February 10, 2015, application.

The affidavit stated that the information submitted in Enclosures 3P, 4P, and 5P should be withheld from public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (a) The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive advantage over other companies.

- (c) Its use by a competitor would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing a similar product.

We have reviewed your application and the material which was requested to be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390, and on the basis of the statements in the affidavit and the staff review, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, the version(s) of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-5848.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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