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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT AND EXEMPTION FOR THE VIRGIL C. SUMMER
NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 2 AND 3: INITIAL TEST PROGRAM CHANGES
(LAR 14-08) (TAC NO. RQ0430)

Dear Mr. Jones:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC/Commission) has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 32 and granted the exemption to Combined Licenses Nos. NPF-93 and NPF-94 for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3 (VCSNS), respectively. The amendment consists of changes to Tier 2 information in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) for VCSNS Units 2 and 3 due to administrative changes in the description and scope of the Initial Test Program (ITP) in the UFSAR of Appendix C to the Facility Combined Licenses (COLs), which is described in detail in your October 23, 2014, license amendment request (LAR) 14-08.

The amendment revises the VCSNS, Units 2 and 3, UFSAR, Tier 2 information by changing the plant-specific AP1000 Design Control Document Tier 2 administrative description and scope of the Initial Test Program Changes.

Because the amendment changes Tier 2 information to conform to the associated amendment-requested Tier 1 changes that constitute a departure from the AP1000 certified design, SCE&G requested a permanent exemption pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52, Appendix D, "Design Certification Rule for the AP1000 Design." The exemption allows a departure from certain Tier 1 information in the generic AP1000 DCD. Specifically, the exemption changes the plant-specific AP1000 DCD Tier 1 information, as specified in LAR 14-08, which are the administrative description and scope of the plant-specific UFSAR, Tier 1, Section 3.4, "Initial Test Program."

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation which includes an evaluation of both the amendment and exemption request is also enclosed. The notice of issuance of the amendment and the exemption will be published in the *Federal Register*.

Sincerely,

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Docket No(s): 52-027
52-028

Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 32 to VCSNS Unit 2 COL
2. Amendment No. 32 to VCSNS Unit 3 COL
3. Exemption for License Amendment No. 32
For VCSNS Unit 2 COL
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For VCSNS Unit 3 COL
5. Safety Evaluation

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Docket No(s): 52-025
52-026

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