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April 11, 1996

SUBJECT:

EVALUATION OF RELIEF REQUESTS FOR RR-07 and IWA-5242(a)

VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION (TAC NOS. M94363 AND M94364)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

By two letters dated December 20, 1995, and supplemented by a letter dated March 27, 1996, South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G) requested approval of Requests for Relief RR-C7 and IWA-5242(a) for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) and related to the second ten-year interval inservice inspection program plan. RR-07 requests relief from performing Reactor Vessel Nozzle Examinations per the schedule required by the 1989 ASME, Section XI, Code. IWA-5242(a) requests relief from the ASME Section XI requirements for Class 1 and 2 insulated pressure retaining bolted connections which receive VT-2 Visual Examination during the performance of System Pressure Testing.

The NRC staff, with technical assistance from the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL), has reviewed pair requests. The staff's evaluation and conclusions are contained in Enclosure 1. The staff has concluded that the proposed alternatives contained in Requests for Relief RR-07 and IWI-5242(a) for the VCSNS provide an acceptable level of quality and safety. Therefore, the Requests for Relief Nos. RR-07 and IWI-5242(a) for the VCSNS are authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(a)(3)(i). Enclosure 2 is the INEL Technical Letter Report. This completes all action associated with these requests and closes TAC Nos. M94363 and M94364.

Sincerely.

Original signed by

Frederick J. Hebdon, Director Project Directorate II-3 Division of Reactor Projects - I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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Enclosures: 1. Safety Evaluation

2. Technical Letter Report

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