South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
ATTN: Mr. Gary J. Taylor
Vice President, Nuclear Operations
Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station
P. O. Box 88
Jenkinsville, SC 29065

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECT: N REPORT NO. 50-395/96-02 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This refers to the inspection conducted on January 28 through March 9, 1996, at the V. C. Summer Station. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The circumstances surrounding it is described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is of concern because it represents a decline in the performance of your staff during this inspection period.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to the Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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The response directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by G. A. Belisle)

George A. Belisle, Chief Reactor Projects Branch 5 Division of Reactor Projects

Docket No.: 50-395 License No.: NPF-12

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation

2. NRC Inspection Report

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