

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-395SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITYNOTICE OF GRANTING OF RELIEF FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS
OF ASME CODE SECTION XI INSERVICE (TESTING) REQUIREMENTS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted relief from certain requirements of the ASME Code, Section XI, "Rules and Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components" to the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The relief relates to the preservice hydrostatic tests for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (the facility) located in Fairfield County, South Carolina. The ASME Code requirements are incorporated by reference into the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Part 50. The relief is effective as of its date of issuance.

The relief relates to certain preservice examination requirements, pursuant to the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i). In lieu of hydrostatic tests, the licensees will perform nondestructive examinations consisting of visual and surface examination of the welds.

The requests for relief comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the related Safety Evaluation Report and letter to the licensee.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting the relief will have no significant impact on the environment (49 FR 40511).

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For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the licensees' letter dated August 1, 1984, (2) the Commission's letter to the licensees dated October 23, 1984, and, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation Report. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555 and at the Fairfield County Library, Garden and Washington Streets, Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 23rd day of October 1984.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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