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SUBJECT: APPROVAL FOR USE OF ASME CODE CASE N-522, "PRESSURE TESTING OF CONTAINMENT PENETRATION PIPING," VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION (VCSNS), (TAC NO. M95101)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

By letter dated March 28, 1996, and supplemented by a letter dated April 23, 1996, South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G) requested approval for the use of the alternative rules of ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI Code Case N-522 for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station.

The staff has reviewed SCE&G's request for approval to use the alternative rules of ASME Section XI Code Case N-522, dated December 9, 1993, "Pressure Testing of Containment Penetration Piping, Section XI, Division 1" for the system pressure testing on certain Class 2 piping systems that penetrate containment. Based on the information submitted, SCE&G's proposed alternative is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i) as the implementation of the Code Case N-522 provides an acceptable level of quality and safety. SCE&G's proposed use of Code Case N-522, is authorized for the duration of the currently approved ISI program plan interval. The staff's related safety evaluation and conclusions are contained in the Enclosure.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frederick J. Hebdon, Director
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Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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