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In the Matter of
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, et
(Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station)
Docket No. 50-395 A



Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your information are copies of two letters from South Carolina Electric & Gas Company to the NRC Staff. The first notes a delay in the projected fuel loading date from November, 1979 until July, 1980.

The second letter relates to two minor seismic events recorded near the Station which were previously reported to the Staff. These two events do not appear to have any significance with regard to the seismic design of the Station; however we are sending the letter to the Board and parties because the events may relate to Contention A4.

We will also forward any pertinent information on this topic as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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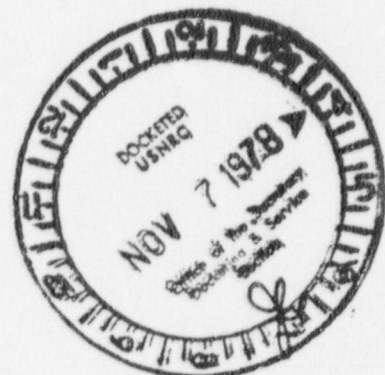
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VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-395



Dear Mr. Denton:

This letter is being handcarried to you in keeping with our mutual desire to be open and candid with respect to our licensing abilities/needs. Additionally, a commitment was tendered our then Project Manager, Miss Margorie Klynczak, with letter dated March 16, 1978.

We, in that letter, committed fuel load November 1979. Further, we committed to a rigorous effort to follow our startup schedule and by mid-summer to re-evaluate our position.

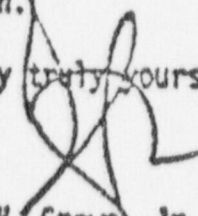
We have been unable to hold to our mid-summer commitment, to our regret, due largely to lack of development of the startup schedule. During the interval March 15 - October 15, 1978, our suppliers have not lived up to their commitments and the scope of work has been substantially increased.

However, in considering the integration with startup schedule, we cannot meet November 1979 date and must reluctantly move our FUEL LOAD date from November 1979 to July 1, 1980. Flag dates between now and our Fuel Load date are for Cold Hydro November 1, 1979 and Hot Functional February 1, 1980.

With the information at hand and the project 77% complete (manhour basis), we are certain the July 1980 date is realistic and may in fact be somewhat improved.

We are prepared to discuss details as you wish.

Very truly yours,


E. H. Crews, Jr.

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Subject: Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station
Docket No. 50-395
Seismic Monitoring

Dear Mr. Denton:

This letter is to confirm our oral discussion with members of the NRC Staff concerning two recent seismic events recorded by the seismic networks of the Applicant and the United States Geological Survey.

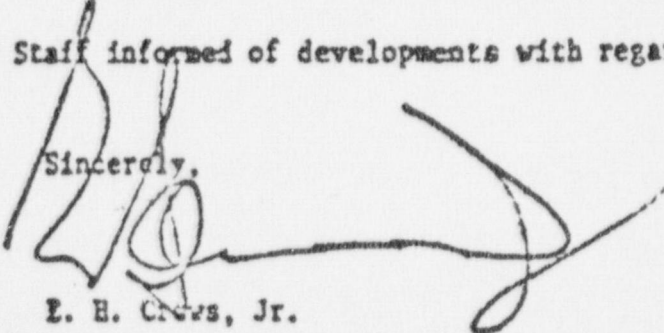
On August 27, 1978, seismometers recorded an event with a Richter magnitude of approximately 2.7. In October, after analysis by USGS of data from its strong motion accelerometer installed as part of its monitoring system, the Applicant was informed that the August 27, 1978, event had produced a ground acceleration value of 0.25g for approximately 0.030 second.

While such a peak acceleration is usually not associated with an event of Richter magnitude 2.7, the USGS has informed the Applicant that the relatively high, but brief, acceleration is not unusual, where the instrument was located less than one mile from the epicenter of the seismic event. As was initially discussed with your Projects Licensing Staff on October 10 and 11, 1978, and further discussed in detail on October 13, 1978, with the geoscience technical branch, such an event is well within the seismic design parameters of the facility and has no significance as far as the seismic design of the facility is concerned.

On October 27, 1978, the monitoring network recorded an event of Richter magnitude of approximately 2.8. The corresponding ground acceleration value as recorded by the USGS strong motion accelerometer has not yet been determined. This information will be made available to the Applicant after its determination by USGS.

We will continue to keep the Staff informed of developments with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,


E. H. Crews, Jr.

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