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Gentlemen:

Subject: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION
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OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-12
RESPONSE TO SALP
INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-395/98-99

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G) has reviewed the NRC's Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP), Inspection Report No. 50-395/98-99. SCE&G agrees with the NRC's assessment of Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station's (VCSNS) superior performance in all four of the functional areas: Plant Operations, Maintenance, Engineering and Plant Support.

SCE&G is committed to maintaining the superior level of safety performance that VCSNS has demonstrated during this and previous SALP periods.

As discussed during the September 11, 1998, onsite SALP Board presentation, SCE&G acknowledges that the station can enhance future performance further with more focus and attention on change management practices, especially as they relate to plant and procedure changes. Additional attention to detail is also an area of continuous attention for the station staff. Your comments and insights in these areas are constructive and will be used to support our continuous improvement program.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the SALP report. Should you have any questions or comments, please call me or have your staff call Ms. April Rice at (803) 345-4232.

Very truly yours,

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