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Subject: Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station
Docket No. 50/395
Operating License No. NPF-12
Generic Letter 88-03, "Steam Binding of
Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps"

Gentlemen:

On February 29, 1988, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) received Generic Letter 88-03 which resolved Generic Issue 93 by percetuating the recommendations of IE Bulletin 85-01, "Steam Binding of Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps."

This letter provides confirmation that the procedural requirements addressed in the SCE&G letter from Mr. D. A. Nauman to Dr. J. Nelson Grace dated February 14, 1986, are still in place and will continue to be maintained at Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station. Specifically, the Auxiliary Building log monitors the Emergency Feedwater Pump discharge temperature each shift that the pumps are required to be operable and on observance of increasing temperature initiates actions under the Emergency Feedwater System operating procedure. The operating procedure provides guidance on recognition of steam binding and restoring the system to operable status.

SCE&G has placed this generic letter in the required reading material for Operations personnel and will address the generic safety issue during licensed operator and auxiliary operator Emergency Feedwater System training. The dissemination of this information is designed to emphasize the importance of being alert for the possibility of malfunctioning check valves.

The following are items which were requested in the generic letter regarding costs.

- Staff time to perform the requested confirmation and any needed followup actions was approximately 75 hours.
- Staff time to prepare the requested documentation was approximately 25 hours.

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The information contained in this letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. If you have any questions, please advise.

Very truly yours,

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