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October 21, 1998

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO USE ASME CODE CASE N-498-1 FOR PERIODIC
 HYDROSTATIC TESTING OF ASME CLASS 3 PIPING AT V.C. SUMMER
 NUCLEAR STATION (TAC NO. MA3467)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company's July 1, 1998, letter submitted a relief request seeking approval to use the alternative rules of ASME Code Case N-498-1 for Class 1, 2, or 3 systems. We determined that the alternative rules of ASME Section XI Code Case N-498-1, in lieu of 10-year hydrostatic testing of Class 1, 2, and 3 systems, provide an acceptable level of quality and safety. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i), the proposed alternative for the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station is authorized for the duration of your currently approved inservice inspection program plan, until the Code Case is approved for general use by reference in Regulatory Guide 1.147. At that time, SCE&G must follow the conditions, if any, specified in the Regulatory Guide. The enclosed Safety Evaluation contains our evaluation of your relief request.

Sincerely,
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