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Attention: Mr. L. M. Padovan

Gentlemen:

Subject: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION (VCSNS)
DOCKET NO. 50/395
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-12
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE REQUEST - TSP 980002
REMOVAL OF TABLE 4.8-1, DIESEL GENERATOR TEST SCHEDULE

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), acting for itself and as agent for South Carolina Public Service Authority, hereby requests an amendment to the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Technical Specifications (TS). This request is being submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90.

This request consists of a proposed change to Technical Specifications 3.8.1, "A. C. Sources - Operating". The proposed change will remove Table 4.8-1, Diesel Generator Test Schedule and Surveillance Requirement 4.8.1.1.3, Reports. This submittal proposes to remove accelerated testing and special reporting requirements for the emergency diesel generators as allowed by NRC Generic Letter 94-01, "Removal of Accelerated Testing and Special Reporting Requirements for Emergency Diesel Generators".

Approval of the proposed TS Change Request will allow EDG testing and performance monitoring to be conducted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.65 and Regulatory Guide 1.160, Revision 2 requirements. Continued accelerated testing beyond Maintenance Rule requirements will result in additional mechanical wear on the EDG components which could be detrimental to future EDG performance.

This submittal is requested to be given timely consideration as SCE&G is attempting to reduce the number of starts that the Emergency Diesel Generator is subjected to during the period of accelerated testing. Literal reading of the current surveillance requirements could be interpreted to require almost 100 weekly surveillance tests in order to resume normal testing frequency. The currently required accelerated

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testing will be eliminated upon implementation of the approved change and maintenance rule requirements will be followed.

This proposed change is also consistent with previously approved amendments (Amendments 226 and 217 to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79, Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 respectively and Amendment 90 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-47; River Bend Station Unit 1).

The TS change request is contained in the following attachments:

- Attachment I Explanation of Changes Summary
 Marked-up Technical Specification Pages
 Revised Technical Specification Pages
- Attachment II Safety Evaluation
- Attachment III No Significant Hazards Evaluation

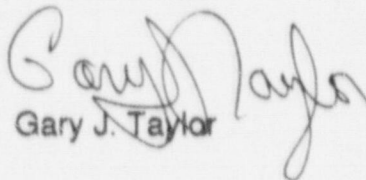
This proposed amendment has been reviewed and approved by the Plant Safety Review Committee and the Nuclear Safety Review Committee.

As discussed with the NRC Project Manager, SCE&G requests approval of this proposed change by March 30, 1998.

These statements and matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

If you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information, please contact Mr. Philip Rose at (803) 345-4052.

Very truly yours,


Gary J. Taylor

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Attachments (3)

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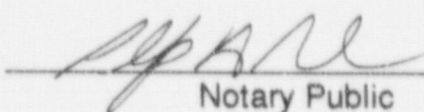
IN THE MATTER OF
SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY
AND
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

AFFIRMATION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA :
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD : TO WIT :
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I hereby certify that on the NINTH day of FEBRUARY 1998, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of South Carolina, personally appeared Gary J. Taylor, being duly sworn, and states that he is Vice President, Nuclear Operations of the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, a corporation of the State of South Carolina, that he provides the foregoing response for the purposes therein set forth, that the statements made are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, and that he was authorized to provide the response on behalf of said Corporation.

WITNESS my Hand and Notarial Seal


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

July 13, 2005
Date

SCE&G -- EXPLANATION OF CHANGES

<u>Page</u>	<u>Affected Section</u>	<u>Bar #</u>	<u>Description of Change</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>
3/4 8-3	4.8.1.1.2.a	1	Revised surveillance frequency to be performed at least once per 31 days	To be consistent with the guidance provided in GL 94-01 (deleting the surveillance frequency table)
3/4 8-6a	4.8.1.1.3	1	Deleted 4.8.1.1.3 <u>Reports</u> section	To be consistent with the guidance provided in GL 94-01 (permits removing the reporting requirements from TS)
3/4 8-7	Table 4.8-1	1	Deleted Table for EDG Test Schedule and associated footnotes	To be consistent with the guidance provided in GL 94-01 (removing the surveillance frequency requirement from TS)
3/4 8-8	4.8.1.2	1	Deleted reference to surveillance requirement 4.8.1.1.3	Remove reference to a requirement being deleted
B 3/4 8-1	Bases 3/4.8.1, 3/4.8.2, 3/4.8.3	1	Deleted reference to Regulatory Guide 1.108 Revision 1	GL 94-01 requires a commitment to RG 1.160, deleting commitment to RG 1.108