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room.


Mark L. Banks,
Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory
Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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You may obtain publicly-available
information, proposes to depart from
the form of departures from the
updated final safety analysis report in
ADAMS public documents collection at
http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. To begin the search, select
“ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public
Document Room (PDR) reference staff at
1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by
email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The
ADAMS accession number for each
document referenced (if it is available in
ADAMS) is provided the first time that
it is mentioned in this document. The
request for the amendment and
exemption was submitted by letter
dated November 18, 2016 (ADAMS
Accession No. ML16323A335).

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South Carolina Electric & Gas
Company; South Carolina Public
Service Authority, Virgil C. Summer
Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3; Passive
Core Cooling System (PXS) Condensate
Return

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Exemption and combined
license amendment; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC) is granting an
exemption to allow a departure from the
certification information of Tier 1 of
the generic design control document (DCD)
and is issuing License Amendment No.
61 to Combined Licenses (COL), NPF–93 and NPF–94, respectively. The COLs
were issued to South Carolina Electric &
Gas Company and the South Carolina
Public Service Authority, (both
collectively referred to as the licensee)
for construction and operation of the
Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station
(VCSNS) Units 2 and 3, located in
Fairfield County, South Carolina.

The granting of the exemption allows
the changes to Tier 1 information asked
for in the amendment. Because the
acceptability of the exemption was
determined in part by the acceptability
of the amendment, the exemption and
amendment are being issued concurrently.

DATES: The exemption and amendment
were issued on February 28, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID
NRC–2008–0441 when contacting the
NRC about the availability of
information regarding this document. You
may obtain publicly-available
information (and associated COL
Appendix C information) and from
involved plant-specific Technical
Specifications as incorporated in
Appendix A of the COL. With the
requested amendment, the licensee
proposed changes to reflect an increase
in the efficiency of the return of
condensate utilized by the passive core
cooling system to the in-containment
refueling water storage tank to support
the capability for long-term cooling.

Part of the justification for granting
the exemption was provided by the
review of the amendment. Because the
exemption is necessary in order to issue
the requested license amendment, the
NRC granted the exemption and issued
the amendment concurrently, rather
than in sequence. This included issuing
a combined safety evaluation containing
the NRC staff’s review of both the
exemption request and the license
amendment. The exemption met all
applicable regulatory criteria set forth in
10 CFR 50.12, 10 CFR 52.7, and Section
VIII.A.4 of appendix D to 10 CFR part
52. The license amendment was found
to be acceptable as well. The combined
safety evaluation is available in ADAMS
under Accession No. ML17026A479.

Identical exemption documents
(except for referenced unit numbers and
license numbers) were issued to the
licensee for VCSNS Units 2 and 3 (COLs
NPF–93 and NPF–94). The exemption
documents for VCSNS Units 2 and 3 can
be found in ADAMS under Accession
Nos. ML17026A400 and ML17026A410,
respectively. The exemption is
reproduced (with the exception of
abbreviated titles and additional
citations) in Section II of this document.
The amendment documents for COLs
NPF–93 and NPF–94 are available in
ADAMS under Accession Nos.
ML17026A391 and ML17026A398,
respectively. A summary of the
amendment documents is provided in
Section III of this document.

I. Introduction

The NRC is granting an exemption
from paragraph B of section III. “Scope
and Contents,” of appendix D, “Design
Certification Rule for the AP1000,” to
part 52 of title 10 of the Code of Federal
Regulations (10 CFR), and issuing
License Amendment No. 61 to COLs,
NPF–93 and NPF–94, to the licensee.

The exemption is required by Paragraph
A.4 of Section VIII, “Processes for
Changes and Departures,” of appendix
D, to 10 CFR part 52 to allow the
licensee to depart from Tier 1
information. The amendment authorizes
changes to the VCSNS Units 2 and 3
Updated Final Safety Analysis Report in
the form of departures from the
incontaminated DCD Tier 2
information, proposes to depart from
involved plant-specific Tier 1

II. Exemption

Reproduced below is the exemption
document issued to VCSNS Units 2 and
Unit 3. It makes reference to the
combined safety evaluation that
provides the reasoning for the findings
made by the NRC (and listed under Item
1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated November 18, 2016,
the licensee requested from the
Commission an exemption to allow
departures from Tier 1 information in
the certified DCD incorporated by
reference in 10 CFR part 52, appendix
D, as part of license amendment request
16–06, “Passive Core Cooling System
(PXS) Condensate Return.”
For the reasons set forth in Section 3.0 of the NRC staff’s Safety Evaluation, which can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17026A479, the Commission finds that:

A. The exemption is authorized by law;
B. the exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;
C. the exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;
D. special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;
E. the special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and
F. the exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, the licensee is granted an exemption from the certified DCD Tier I information, with corresponding changes to Appendix C of the Facility Combined Licenses as described in the licensee’s request dated November 18, 2016. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment No. 61, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 5.0 of the NRC staff’s Safety Evaluation (ADAMS Accession No. ML17026A479), this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated November 18, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16323A335), the licensee requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VCSNS, Units 2 and 3, COLs NPF–93 and NPF–94. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this Federal Register notice.

The Commission has determined for these amendments that the application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission’s rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or COL, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the Federal Register on December 15, 2016 (81 FR 90871). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemption and issued the amendment that the licensee requested on letter dated November 18, 2016. The exemption and amendment were issued on February 28, 2017, as part of a combined package to the licensee (ADAMS Accession No. ML17026A381).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of May 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jennifer Dixon-Herrity, Chief, Licensing Branch 4, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.

Dated: June 2, 2017.

Denise L. McGovern, Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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Dated: June 2, 2017.

Denise L. McGovern, Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

Brenda Akstulewicz and Patricia Jimenez.

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Public Meeting

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NUREG–2017–0001]

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PLACE: Commissioners’ Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public.

Week of June 5—Tentative

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New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: June 8, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.