June 30, 2008

Mr. Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Docketing Department
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Docket No. 2008-196-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The John Bachman Group* of the Sierra Club hereby objects to SCE&G's request for early approval to conduct initial clearing, excavation, and construction work for two new reactors at the existing V.C. Summer nuclear plant near Jenkinsville, South Carolina.

Because PSC approval to build two more reactors at V.C. Summer has not yet been granted, it is both premature and irresponsible for SC&G to move forward with initial activities to expand the existing plant.

The fact that the contractors may or may not be able to meet their completion deadlines for expanding the V.C. Summer plant is immaterial. Ill-advised contract deadlines can be amended. Ill-advised contract deadlines should neither short-circuit the public review process nor dictate the outcome of that process.

We respectfully ask the PSC to reject SCE&G's request to begin site and construction work to expand the V.C. Summer nuclear plant.

Sincerely,

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*The John Bachman Group has more than 1,000 members residing in its 14-county region, i.e., Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Edgefield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, and Saluda.

cc: Office of Regulatory Staff
    Chad Burgess, SCE&G