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**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission**  
**Prepared Remarks: Affirmation of the Commission's Vogtle 3 and 4 Mandatory Hearing**  
**Decision**

As a member of this Commission, I thank you, Chairman Jaczko, for the orderly process you have engaged in throughout the mandatory hearing and the events leading up to today.

I am part of the Commission majority supporting issuance of this decision today, making the necessary regulatory findings, and authorizing issuance of these licenses.

There is no amnesia – individually or collectively -- regarding the tragic events of March 11<sup>th</sup> and the ensuing nuclear accident at the Fukushima Station.

The NRC's consideration of and response to these events are established and well under way.

The Commission majority did not support the Chairman's proposed license condition because we found that it would not improve our systematic regulatory approach to the events at Fukushima nor would it make a difference in the operational safety of new reactors.

The basis for our conclusion is more fully discussed on pages 81 through 84 of the decision we issue today.

I am confident in my support for this decision. The NRC staff's review has been thorough and complete. The record we have built in this proceeding is complete and the regulatory findings have a firm basis in that record.

I am confident in the action we take today and I thank my colleagues for the collegial process that has brought us to this point.

Thank you.