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Dr. S. A. Jackson, Chairman
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Baltimore Gas & Electric Company's License Renewal Application for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant

Dear Chairman Jackson:

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) supports the efforts of the Commission regarding the subject of license renewal and resolution of the policy and process issues that will lead to a renewed operating license.

The principal objective the Commission set forth, in promulgating the existing Part 54 rule was to develop a predictable, stable, and efficient license renewal process that assures public health and safety. The recent announcement by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BG&E) that it would submit a formal application for a renewed license for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant represents the first application for a renewed license under 10 CFR Part 54. SNC applauds and supports BG&E's decision to submit an application as a significant contribution towards development of a license renewal process that is predictable, stable, and efficient.

In addition, SNC expects that generic issues will continue to be resolved through NEI/NRC staff interactions. These interactions are necessary in order to define the process which meets the stated objective - a license renewal process that can be implemented in a timely and effective manner by any licensee.

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SNC plans to complete work on a license renewal application by the end of 1999 (Ref. 1). In addition, SNC actively participates in NEI license renewal activities. As indicated in Reference 1, SNC intends to work in support of the previously stated objective through both plant-specific and generic interactions with the NRC staff.

Respectfully submitted,



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