50-321/366

Ross D. Bowen, Chairman
Duane Tomlin, Vice Chairman
Nina Clifton
Needum Rogers

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Eddie Toole
Darriel Nobles
Harold Milligan

Toombs County Board of Education

Dr. Kendall Brantley, Superintendent David R. Stewart, Assistant Superintendent
117 East Wesley Avenue
LYONS, GEORGIA 30436-1368
Telephone (912)526-3141

April 12, 2000

Mr. C. I. Grimes
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
One White Flint
Washington, D.C., 20555

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Toombs County Board of Education and many members of the community that we represent. The Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) recently filed an application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requesting that Plant Hatch be allowed to extend its operation for an additional twenty years. Having had the opportunity to visit Plant Hatch through many school field trips and having had the opportunity to listen to Plant Hatch/Georgia Power employees make presentations to many community groups such as Lions Club and Kawanis Club, I personally am convinced that the "Plant" is operated by individuals who are conscientious about their job duties and responsibilities regarding the public that they serve. Obviously, this letter is written in support of the SNC's request to ask for the twenty year extension.

Plant Hatch has not only opened its doors to many educational groups in our community, they have served our community through economic development. Our community and school systems (Toombs County, Vidalia City, Appling County and others) have been supported through lower rates for electricity, the generation of extra tax revenue, and the generation of new jobs for the community. No doubt, Plant Hatch generates a lot more than electricity!

We feel very strongly that SNC has been one of the most significant contributors to our community and sincerely hope that as you begin your review process of their application you will consider our favorable opinion of their operation.

Respectfully yours,

Kendall Brantley

Dr. Kendall Brantley, Supt.
Toombs County School System

A083