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**Document Control Desk
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint
Washington, D.C. 20555
ATTN: Chris Grimes**

Dear Mr. Grimes:

Southern Nuclear recently filed an application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requesting a twenty-year extension on the operating terms for Plant Hatch Units 1 and 2. We would like to express our support, and to inform the commission that granting this extension would be greatly appreciated by our board and this community.

Plant Hatch has been a very important part of the economy of Appling County and this area since its construction in the early seventies. It provides jobs for many of our citizens and is an important component in the economic growth this region has experienced in recent years.

Plant Hatch contributes approximately 67% of Appling County's Advalorem Tax.

We feel that we are well informed of plant status and activities. We also trust the management of Plant Hatch to operate this plant safely.

Your consideration, as you begin the review process for this application, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Duane Whitley, Chairman
Appling County Board of Commissioners**

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