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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Chris Grimes
One White Flint
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Grimes, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are aware that Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) recently filed an application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requesting that the operating terms for Plant Hatch Units 1 and 2 be extended for an additional twenty years. I am writing to support this request for an operational extension, and to assure the Commission that by granting this extension you will be providing a great service to Tattnall County and its citizens.

Plant Hatch is a vigorous and vital part of Tattnall County and this region. It has supported this community with jobs and been a catalyst for our economy for three decades. The plant can continue to be an important spoke in our economic development for decades to come with your favorable consideration of this request. SNC has provided a major portion of our Emergency Management Agency's operating budget for years, which helps the county prepare and respond to numerous emergencies, natural and man made, for the protection of our citizens.

Plant Hatch has always been a cooperative partner in our community and they continue to keep our governing authority informed of the plant conditions, current situations and plans for the future. Plant safety is always a concern, and we have full faith and confidence in the Plant Hatch management team to keep it running safely, now and in the future.

Sincerely,



Jerry W. Burkhalter, Chairman
Tattnall County Board of Commissioners

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