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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As you are aware, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, a subsidiary of the Southern Company, 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 20 years. Over the next two years, NRC will be evaluating the plant's maintenance and environmental records and conducting public hearings in their efforts to determine if the license renewal should be granted.

I am writing in support of their request, and to let you know that granting this extension would be looked upon favorably by my office and our community. Plant Hatch has been an integral part of the economy of my Senatorial District and this area since its construction in the early 1970's. Many of my constituents and their families work there and it is an important component in the economic growth this region has experienced in recent years.

We consider Plant Hatch a good neighbor and feel that we are kept sufficiently informed of plant status and activities. We have never had reason to question management or the safe operation of this facility. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Hugh M. Gillis, Sr.

CC: Mr. C. I. Grimes
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