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STATEMENT BY YORK COUNTY PRESIDENT COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER B. REILLY

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On behalf of the York County Board of Commissioners, I respectfully urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to approve a 20 year license extension to Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station.

In the aftermath of the events that occurred on September 11 and the subsequent War on Terrorism now being waged in the Middle East, it is critical that we focus on domestic energy production and limit America's reliance on foreign oil. The continued operation of quality nuclear facilities such as Peach Bottom will ensure that we have the energy necessary to power our homes and businesses, even during times of national and international uncertainty.

Just as critical, however, is the importance of Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station to York County. The plant provides hundreds of local and regional residents with good-paying jobs. But more importantly, Peach Bottom is an outstanding corporate citizen and neighbor. Exelon has contributed generously to many worthy projects and causes in Delta Borough and Peach Bottom Township. For example, the county affiliated Delta Senior Center has received thousands of dollars in money and equipment from Exelon during my tenure as commissioner. The county, school district and host municipality also derive significant tax revenue from the plant.

Open communication, accountability and accessibility are also hallmarks of York County's relationship with Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station. I have toured the plant on several occasions and attend periodic informational and outreach forums at the plant as well as the annual Community and Employee Open House. I know many Exelon executives, supervisors and managers on first name basis. The plant also sends a representative to our weekly county commissioner's meeting.



Peach Bottom has an exemplary safety record, is a vital component of the local economy and cares about our community. By extending Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station's operating license, the NRC will help ensure at least two more decades of growth, opportunity and prosperity in York County.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express our support and high regard for our friends at Peach Bottom.