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April 10, 2002

Georgia Department of Public Safety  
ATTN: Mr. Robert E. Hightower, Commissioner  
959 East Confederate Avenue  
Atlanta, Georgia 30316

Dear Commissioner Hightower:

The purpose of this letter is to thank you for agreeing to have someone from your office participate in an important workshop we are holding with representatives from the nuclear power industry and to provide you with some information about the workshop. It is my understanding that you, or a member of your staff, will participate as a member of a special panel from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on April 24, 2002. The purpose of the panel is to discuss lessons learned and challenges/issues facing industry and regulators in the area of security and public confidence connected with the operation of nuclear power plants or other facilities in the United States infrastructure. This topic is especially important in the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

The panel consists of six individuals, including a representative from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, a Vice President from Southern Nuclear Operating Company, a Security Manager from Duke Energy Corporation, Inc., a Public Affairs Manager from Progress Energy, Inc., and the Deputy Director of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's newly formed Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. As you can see from the enclosed agenda, this panel is a key session of the workshop on April 24, 2002. I am the moderator for the panel discussion. My expectations are that each panel member will make a brief statement, approximately ten to twelve minutes in duration, and then the floor will be opened for questions and audience participation. I would appreciate it if you would touch on the following two themes in your opening remarks, as well as any other thoughts that you believe would be of interest to the group: 1) lessons learned from the State's perspective relative to the events of September 11, 2001, and 2) future challenges and programmatic objectives as related to the role of the State in combating terrorism.

I am anticipating between 100 - 120 individuals participating in the workshop. The workshop will be held at the Wyndham Atlanta Hotel, 160 Spring Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Please note that you do not need to submit any registration paperwork; and you or your representative are welcome to join me for lunch, which will be held from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. If you or your representative have any presentations, transparencies, slides or other handout material for your presentation, please contact Sheila DuBose or Patricia Miles at 404-562-4411. They are happy to assist you in the preparation of these, or with any other logistics. If you have slides, please provide them to Sheila or Pat by April 19, 2002, since we would like to place them in a book to be provided to each workshop participant.

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I compliment you and your office on the service provided to us by Ms. Leatrice Winfrey on this matter. She has been professional and extremely helpful.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (404) 562-4411. I look forward to meeting you or your representative at the workshop.

Sincerely,

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