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Re: License Renewal for the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant

Dear Dr. Masnick:

I am writing to you on behalf of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce. The St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, representing approximately 1,100 local businesses, supports the renewal of the license for the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant.

The St. Lucie Plant is an important member of our business community. They contribute to many local non-profits, such as the St. Lucie County Education Foundation, The United Way, The St. Lucie County Marine Center and the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County. The St. Lucie Plant also has a major economic impact on our area, both directly as one of the County's largest sources of property taxes, and indirectly through the jobs that the plant provides. The St. Lucie Plant currently has 800 full-time employees, and these are good jobs for our community. I am told that the economic impact of the plant on our local community is \$80,000,000.00 annually.

However, the most important economic impact of the St. Lucie Plant is the inexpensive consistent power which it provides to our area. In the past, businesses took this power for granted, however, with the recent events in California, and the potential for disruptions to our oil supply caused by events in the Middle East, we are especially lucky to have the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant in our County.

Best regards,

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