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Dear Mr. P.T. Kuo:

It has come to my attention that Southern Nuclear Company has filed an application to renew it's operating license to extend operation to units 1 and 2 at Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant.

The economic impact of Farley in our community is substantial in providing large tax revenues for our cities. Many Farley employees serve in different capacities throughout our city on different Committees, Boards, Civic Organizations and much more. Employees and their family members also serve as educators, volunteers in our Fire, Police, Rescue and Recreational programs.

Most important is their operation and safety records which are excellent. We the citizens who live in the surrounding community of the Farley Nuclear Plant feel safe in the knowledge that every effort is made to ensure our safety and the safe day-to-day operation. They have an excellent environmental program that addresses it's concerns and future needs.

I along with the citizens of Ashford and the surrounding communities feel strongly that based on the excellent operation and safety records and the obvious economic impact of the Farley Nuclear Plant in our communities, that NRC should rule in favor granting the extension of the operating license for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant's units 1 and 2 for an additional 20 years.

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RESOLUTION <u>04-002</u>

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Ashford recognize the importance and positive impact of Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant and it's employees in the city of Ashford and Houston County, Alabama.

WHEREAS, Farley Nuclear Plant has an excellent safety record and maintenance record since it's opening in 1977 providing electricity for our state and it's customers; and

WHEREAS, Farley Nuclear Plant provides jobs for many of the citizens of our community who are important members of our city governments and serve on our Boards, Committees, Civic Organizations, Educational Institutions and much much more.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Ashford City Council of the City of Ashford strongly supports the extension of the operating license for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 for an additional 20 years.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March 2004.

ATTEST:

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