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Re: Southern Nuclear Co.'s Early Site Permit (ESP) application for the Plant Vogtle Site

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter to indicate my support of Southern Nuclear Operating Company's application for an Early Site Permit for two additional reactors on the site of the Alvin W. Vogtle Electric Generating plant near Waynesboro, Georgia.

Georgia currently has a thriving economy and is home to one of the world's major cities. More and more electricity will be needed to meet the demand for power in our state during the coming decades. Nuclear power is a safe, reliable and cost effective source of electricity and will be critical to meeting that need.

The owners of the Vogtle plant - Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) and Dalton Utilities - have a proven track record for the safe operation of nuclear facilities and operate the existing Vogtle plant in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. In fact, rigorous procedures and regulations have been developed and implemented to ensure the highest level of safety at the Vogtle facility.

Nuclear power has the lowest production cost as compared to other fuels, and nuclear fuel prices are more stable than other fuel options. Aside from economics, the positive environmental impact is undeniable. Nuclear power doesn't emit any carbon or greenhouse gasses, accounting for about 75% of all emission-free electricity in the U.S.

Recent studies indicate that 70% of Americans support nuclear energy because they can see the value of this "clean" energy.

Additionally, the new nuclear units will positively impact the local economy in the Waynesboro, GA area. On the basis of this and all the information above, I ask that you grant Southern Nuclear Company the Early Site Permit request for the Plant Vogtle Site.

Sincerely,

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State Senator, District 54

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