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RE: Southern nuclear Co.'s Early Site Permit (ESP) application for the Plant Vogtle site.

Gentlemen:

This letter is written expressing my support of Southern Nuclear Operating Company's application for an Early Site Permit for two additional reactors on the site of the Plant Vogtle Electric generating plant near Waynesboro, Georgia.

Our state of Georgia is ranked as one of the economic leaders in our nation, and having one of the major cities of the world, more and more electricity will be needed to meet the requirements for power during the coming decades. We know that Nuclear power is safe, reliable and cost-effective and this source of electricity will be critical in meeting this need. In this rapidly growing State it is projected that the population will increase by 4 million citizens by 2030.

There is an outstanding record of the safe operation of nuclear facilities by the owners, Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) and Dalton Utilities and is reflected in the operation of the Vogtle plant. 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 tremendous advantages over other fuels; lowest production costs, safer and is more stable than other fuel options. The positive environmental impact is evident: Nuclear power does not emit any carbon or greenhouse gasses and accounts for 75 percent of all emission-free electricity in the United States.

An overwhelming majority, 70 percent, support nuclear energy primarily because they see the value of this clean energy and appreciate that it is safe and is environmentally friendly. The citizens of Waynesboro, GA area will certainly benefit from the positive impact this will have.

I have followed the history of Plant Vogtle since its inception. As a member of the Georgia General Assembly, I visited the site in the construction phase and was convinced then, as I am now, that this was what was needed to provide, not only Georgia, but our nation in providing a safe and clean energy source, and for this and the reasons above, I strongly encourage that you grant Southern Nuclear Company the Early Site Permit requested for the Plant Vogtle Site.

Sincerely,

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State Representative, District 4

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