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Mr. Dale E. Klein, Chairman  
Mr. Edward McGaffigan, Commissioner  
Mr. Jeffrey S. Merrifield, Commissioner  
Mr. Gregory B. Jaczko, Commissioner  
Mr. Peter B. Lyons, Commissioner

Gentlemen:

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

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. In 2005, Georgia's population grew by 79,000, and projections show the population will increase by 4 million by 2030.

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 the economics, the positive environmental impact is undeniable. Nuclear power doesn't emit any carbon or greenhouse gasses, accounting for 75 percent of all emission-free electricity in the U.S.

Recent studies indicate that 70 percent of Americans support nuclear energy. Why? 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 all the information above, I ask that you grant Southern Nuclear Company the Early Site Permit requested for the Plant Vogtle site.

Sincerely,

Vance D. Bell  
Chief Executive Officer

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