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To: Dale E. Klein, Chairman
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October 13, 2006

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

Gentlemen:

We are writing this letter to indicate our 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's population grew by 79,000 last year alone, and an additional 4 million people are projected by 2030. Georgia's thriving economy will require more and more electricity to meet the demand for power in the future. It will be critical to have a safe, reliable and cost-effective source of electricity to meet those future needs.

Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) and Dalton Utilities – owners of the Vogtle plant – 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. Rigorous procedures and regulations have been developed and implemented to ensure the highest level of safety at the Vogtle facility.

Nuclear fuel prices are more stable than other fuel options, and nuclear power has the lowest production cost as compared to other fuels. The positive environmental impact is also undeniable. Nuclear power does not emit any carbon or greenhouse gasses, accounting for 75 percent of all emission-free electricity in the U.S.

Why do 70 percent of Americans support nuclear energy as indicated in recent studies? 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, we ask that you grant Southern Nuclear Company the Early Site Permit requested for the Plant Vogtle site.

Sincerely,

Werner H. Braun

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President

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