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I read the article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution yesterday about today's hearing for 5 environmental groups that are against the proposed addition of more reactors at Plant Vogtle, and felt compelled to provide comment.

Although environmental groups by the nature of their organization and method of operation have a pretty loud megaphone (both literally and figuratively), there are many people that are not heard from simply because we are not an organized group, and our opinions should have equal standing.

I believe I am in good company when I say that nuclear power reactors have proven their great value to the world through an impeccable record of safe operation (for workers and the public), and through their daily contribution of healthy and environmentally responsible/sustainable power generation. Southern Nuclear / Plant Vogtle is no exception. I say healthy because the only comparable energy alternatives at this point in history are fossil fuel burning plants, that both mine a valuable/non-replaceable resource, and pollute our atmosphere. I say responsible since every operating nuclear reactor acts as a replacement for one or more fossil fuel plants, thus eliminating those potential emissions. I say sustainable since when fully realized, nuclear fuels are available in virtually limitless quantities, and are derived from materials that will not be missed (i.e. a resource that is not otherwise greatly needed, like oil, which is needed as feed material for many important manufactured items).

As is evident from the recently released Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC), there is growing consensus and concomitant concern about the negative effects of greenhouse gas emissions on our atmosphere, and the role that those gases play in regulating world climate. What source of power could possibly match nuclear right now for a clean alternative to fossil fuels? There are none. Nuclear power's "day" has finally come, when even the environmental cognoscenti (Patrick Moore at the helm) have started to promote nuclear as an environmentally sound alternative for satisfying large-scale power needs.

In summary, it is my great hope that the ASLB will hear one of the silent majority, and not let a few loud anti-nuclear dead enders stop, or even slow down progress in one area that should be of absolute priority to the world and this nation - building new nuclear power generation capacity as quickly as can be reasonably achieved in order to reduce/avoid greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

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