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Attached please find a Limited Appearance Statement to NRC Concerning the Early Site Permit for Southern Nuclear Operating Company's Vogtle ESP Site, submitted on behalf of Georgia River Network.

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MISSION:

Georgia River Network is working to ensure a clean water legacy by engaging and empowering Georgians to protect and restore our rivers from the mountains to the coast.

GOALS:

Increase the number of people involved in the protection and management of Georgia's waters.

Improve awareness of the issues that threaten the health of our waters.

Establish infrastructure for the exchange of resources among parties working to improve the protection of Georgia's waters.

Provide necessary means to advocate for the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of our waters.

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RE: Limited Appearance Statement to NRC Concerning the Early Site Permit for Southern Nuclear Operating Company's Vogtle ESP Site

Dear Judge Bollwerk:

The Georgia River Network is concerned about the proposed expansion of Plant Vogtle and its effects on the Savannah River. Georgia River Network is a statewide non-profit environmental organization working to ensure a clean water legacy by engaging and empowering Georgians to protect and restore our rivers from the mountains to the coast. Our membership includes over 400 Georgia citizens and more than 30 watershed organizations working to protect rivers, streams and lakes statewide. The purpose of this letter is express concerns about the implications of the expansion of Plant Vogtle on both the water quality and stream flow of the Savannah River and its tributaries.

We are concerned that the existing information in the Environmental Report for the proposed expansion at Vogtle is not adequate and ask the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct a thorough environmental review of the direct and cumulative impacts of the proposed expansion on the Savannah River's ecology and on downstream communities. Cumulative impacts should consider both the existing units and those proposed new units including proposed water withdrawals and discharges in the Savannah River Basin. Evaluating both the direct impacts of the project (species entrainment, changes in local water quality) and cumulative impacts (changes in streamflow and assimilative capacity throughout the basin) is vital because the river harbors a large array of aquatic species, including several endangered species. We also support the need for an objective, scientifically-based analysis of less damaging alternatives. Additionally, an open, public process is needed along with easy-to-access information as the permitting process goes forward.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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