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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Georgia Power's application to build new nuclear reactors at Plant Vogtle in Burke County, Georgia.

The State of Georgia is growing very quickly and is expected to add 4 million new residents, which is the equivalent of Atlanta's current population. Over the next thirty years, electrical demand is expected to increase by thirty percent. To meet this increasing demand and provide electricity to this rapidly growing population, Georgia will need to add significant new power generating capability.

Recently passed legislation in the House will impose a nationwide renewable energy standard. There would be a state-by-state requirement that 10% of energy generated would be from renewable sources. Unfortunately, while nuclear power is an extremely safe, reliable and cost-effective source of electricity which emits no carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gasses, it wasn't included among as an eligible renewable resource.

As the NRC contemplates which applications to move to the top of the pile for approval, they should consider those areas that will have the hardest time meeting Renewable Portfolio Standard. Wind and solar are not cost-effective carbon alternatives for Georgia. Nuclear power, on the other hand, would be a cost-effective solution.

I very much support this application and I hope it moves along rapidly.

Very truly yours,