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Chief, Rules and Directives Branch
Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration
Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chief:

Georgia is currently the 4th fastest growing state in the nation. It is important for us to plan now in order to be certain that the energy needs of our state will be met for the future of Georgia.

Please accept this letter as my endorsement of the Early Site Permit submitted for additional nuclear units at Plant Vogtle in Burke County, Georgia. Nuclear energy is important in meeting the electric power needs of our citizens in Georgia, as well as throughout the nation.

Nuclear energy supplies electricity to one in five American homes and businesses. Nuclear power plants provide low-cost, predictable power at stable prices. And these plants are essential in maintaining the reliability of the U.S. electric power system.

Nuclear energy also has a minimal impact on the environment. In fact, nuclear plants have one of the lowest environmental impacts of any electricity fuel source. Nuclear energy does not contribute to air pollution.

Additionally, expansion at Plant Vogtle is good for the economy. New units at the site will provide for more job opportunities for the citizens in Burke County and surrounding areas.

More nuclear energy will help ensure clean, safe, reliable electricity for our state, our region, and the entire U.S. For these reasons, I support the addition of new nuclear units at Plant Vogtle and the continued use of nuclear energy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Stephens".

Ron Stephens

RS/gm