

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND

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December 18, 2007

Mr. Larry Burkhart
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Division of New Reactor Licensing
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Burkhart:

The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, as the regional planning agency governed by the 26 elected county commissioners and state legislators representing Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, adopted the enclosed resolution supporting the efforts of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland to secure a third nuclear reactor at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant.

We support this resolution for the reasons stated, including the significant regional, state, national and international impact that approval of this project would have, by increasing domestic energy production and reducing America's dependence on imported oil, addressing Maryland's energy needs in the 21st century, and enhancing the effectiveness of environmental strategies to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this resolution.

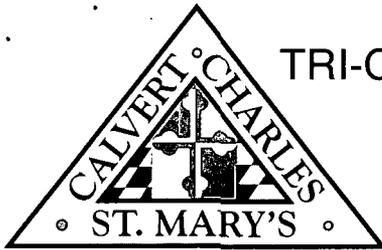
Sincerely,

Gary V. Hodge
Chairman
Tri-County Council
for Southern Maryland

Mr. Larry Burkhart
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CC: Southern Maryland Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly
Calvert County Commissioners
Charles County Commissioners
St. Mary's County Commissioners
The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer, U. S. House of Representatives
The Honorable David W. Edgerley, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Business & Economic Development
Ms. Linda S. Vassallo, Director, Calvert County
Department of Economic Development
Mr. Mitchell Singer, Nuclear Energy Institute
Mr. George Vanderheyden, President and CEO, UniStar Nuclear LLC
Ms. Bonnie Johansen, Constellation Energy



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RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND ON THE SELECTION OF CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AS THE SITE FOR A THIRD NUCLEAR REACTOR

WHEREAS, the 1,700 megawatt Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (Calvert Cliffs), owned and operated by Constellation Energy Group, Inc. and located in Calvert County, Maryland, became operational and began generating electricity in 1975, more than 30 years ago, and added a second unit in 1977, and

WHEREAS, in March of 2000, Calvert Cliffs became the first nuclear plant in the United States to earn 20-year extensions of its operating licenses from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission—an extension to 2034 for Unit 1, and an extension to 2036 for Unit 2, and

WHEREAS, Calvert Cliffs, the State of Maryland's only nuclear power plant, has maintained an exceptional record of safety, is a significant regional employer, source of local tax revenue, environmental steward, and contributor to the economic prosperity of Southern Maryland, and has proven to be a good corporate citizen in Calvert County and the regional community; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County supported efforts by Constellation Energy to secure re-licensing for Calvert Cliffs, in 2005 the County Commissioners supported the selection of Calvert Cliffs for a potential site for a new reactor, and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Maryland General Assembly passed and the Governor of Maryland signed into law House Bill 1183, sponsored by the Calvert County Delegation, providing for authorization of property tax credits for economic development purposes in Calvert County for projects such as expansion of Calvert Cliffs, and in 2006 the Commissioners of Calvert County enacted this legislation providing for a potential 50 percent tax credit for construction of a third nuclear reactor at Calvert Cliffs; and

WHEREAS, Calvert Cliffs was originally designed for four reactors, and on April 30, 2007, UniStar Nuclear, a jointly developed enterprise between Constellation Energy and AREVA NP Inc., notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that a location adjacent to the existing Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant had been selected as a site for UniStar Nuclear's first combined operating license application; and

WHEREAS, It has been more than 29 years since the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued a construction permit for a new commercial nuclear reactor in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a third nuclear reactor at Calvert Cliffs would have a significant state, national and international impact, by enhancing the effectiveness of environmental strategies to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming, and by increasing domestic energy production and reducing America's dependence on imported oil; and

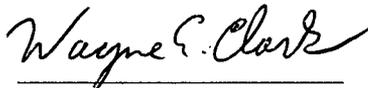
WHEREAS, the construction of a third nuclear reactor at Calvert Cliffs would dramatically increase Maryland's energy self-sufficiency, nearly doubling the plant's present capacity and generating enough electricity to serve approximately 2.5 million homes, more than the total number of households projected for the State of Maryland in 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland supports the efforts of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland to secure a third nuclear reactor at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective as of the date of its adoption.

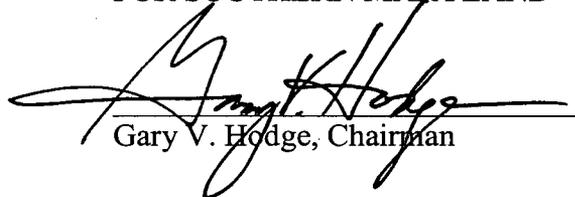
DONE, this 13 day of December, 2007, by the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, sitting in regular session.

ATTEST:



Wayne E. Clark
Secretary-Treasurer

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND


Gary V. Hodge, Chairman

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