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**NRC Hearing Scottsboro, AL
Bellefonte Power Plant
Remarks
Of
George B. Kitchens
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Good afternoon. My name is George B. Kitchens. I am the General Manager and CEO of Joe Wheeler Electric Membership Corporation. My business address is 25700 Alabama Highway 24 Trinity, AL 35673.

This afternoon, however, I am speaking to you on behalf of the North Alabama Public Power Association. Our association is made up of 17 municipal electric organizations and 8 electric cooperatives. We are the distributors of TVA power in North Alabama. Our group includes members that are in the immediate vicinity of the Bellefonte Plant site, North Alabama EC, Scottsboro EPB, Sand Mountain EC and Marshall-DeKalb EC. I also serve on the boards of several economic development organizations, the North Alabama Industrial Development Association, as its Board Chairman, the Morgan County EDA and the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce.

Reliable, reasonably priced electricity is the lifeblood of this country's economy. All of the distributors and the communities that we serve have come to rely on this very reliable reasonably priced energy source to make our economies strong and vibrant. As a result North Alabama has very competitive power rates, low unemployment and is growing. TVA's proposal to build a new nuclear plant at the Bellefonte site is essential to the continuation of our diverse power supply at reasonable prices. Nuclear power is clean, in that it produces no airborne emissions and as TVA has proven over the years, it is safe.

At this point, I would like to read into the record a resolution that has been prepared by and approved by our association in support of TVA's efforts to construct a new plant at the Bellefonte site in Hollywood, Alabama.

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