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June 19, 2008

Tamsen S. Dozier, Project Manager  
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Dear Ms. Dozier:

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The Entergy Corporation and the Grand Gulf community have mutual needs. A second reactor places further burden on a community whose existing local infrastructure would not have the capacity to take on a significant healthcare or security crisis. Therefore an investment in infrastructure and resources is critical. My concern has always been to ensure the safety of residents and guarantee environmental quality. Additionally, my priority is to help create prosperity for the regional communities, businesses, and resident workforce.

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Sincerely,



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December 3, 2007

**J. Wayne Leonard**  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Entergy Corporation  
639 Loyola Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70113

Dear Mr. Leonard:

It was a pleasure talking to you regarding the decision by NuStart Energy to select the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station located in Port Gibson, Mississippi, as the site for a new reactor.

As I expressed to you in our most recent conversation, this community is an economically-distressed area. For that reason, it would be in the best interest of Nustart Energy to ensure that this new opportunity is of mutual benefit to Entergy Corporation and Claiborne County. I would like to know what efforts are being made to include the local community, its residents and the academic communities in this endeavor as you move forward with the simplified boiling water reactor project.

It is my understanding that federal and local government are heavily vested in the success of the new reactor; however, it would seem more prudent that NuStart be committed to local community developments that may involve the use of local infrastructure such as schools, community and healthcare facilities, and local organizations. For example, an investment in training and equipment, and improvement of facilities for first responders and local hospitals would be essential in providing medical care in the event of a disaster as a result of the new reactor. This type of investment would prove invaluable to your business and the safety of the community.

As a multimillion dollar business component, NuStart has a unique opportunity to have an enormous impact on economic growth throughout the region. I am convinced that there is no better way to stimulate meaningful corporate partnerships in the community than by engaging local educational institutions. Because I recognize that your company seeks to employ the finest employees and is interested in using only first-rate research, I implore you to draw on local universities such as Alcorn State University and community colleges located within the region which have the capacity to perform top-notch research and produce graduates who are well-equipped with the knowledge and tools to work effectively to help facilitate this project from its inception and beyond.

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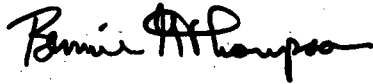
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My support for this project is and has been contingent upon the support of the local community. It is my contention that NuEnergy will work within the community to use all available resources, including human capital and nearby universities, to help build a stronger, better Claiborne County.

On another note, I am also concerned about the lack of diversity in Entergy's Washington, D.C., government affairs office. As you are well aware, Entergy's service area is quite diverse. In Mississippi, for example, nearly 40% of the workforce is African-American. It is my hope that the company will take seriously its commitment to diversifying that office.

As this is a matter of the utmost importance, please provide me with a response by December 17th. I look forward to your prompt reply. If you have any questions, please contact me or my Chief of Staff, I. Lanier Avant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bennie G. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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