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RE: Beaver Valley Power Station, Shippingport, PA  
To Whom It May Concern:  
I serve as the State Representative in the area of Beaver County where the Beaver Valley Power Station is situated, Shippingport, Pennsylvania. I represent those living near the facility, and many of those who work at the plant.

I am advised that FirstEnergy Corporation, operator of the facility, is in the process seeking Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) renewal and extension of the licensing for Units 1 and 2 until 2036 and 2047 respectively. The application was submitted in August 2007 and public hearings were convened to assess the environmental impact of the units.

After numerous on-site audits of the Beaver Valley Power Station conducted by the NRC over the past year, the NRC recently issued a preliminary conclusion that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude renewal of the operating licenses. Public health and safety are paramount issues and must be granted deliberate consideration.

FirstEnergy's Beaver Valley Power Plant represents an economic generator as one of the county's largest employers and taxpayers. With more than 1,000 employees, the facility contributes in excess of \$4 million in payroll, property and utility tax revenues. Twice a year, refueling and maintenance work periods---known as outages---provide another 1,000 temporary jobs. Favorable action on the license renewals will provide a

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welcome semblance of economic certainty to the future of our community and the region.

With electric power demands expected to increase 40 percent by 2030, the Beaver Valley Power Station has the capacity to deliver safe and reliable power for residential and commercial customers for years to come. Nuclear power plants are low-cost producers and FirstEnergy has invested \$550 million to upgrade the power station to ensure safe and reliable power.

I encourage the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to grant expeditious approval of the FirstEnergy application for the renewal and extension of licenses for Unit 1 and 2. It is imperative to the future of our region, our communities and the workforce associated with the Beaver Valley Power Station. I appreciate your taking my recommendations and comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vince Bianucci". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vincent Bianucci  
State Representative  
15<sup>th</sup> Legislative District