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## **RE: SCANA/SANTEE COOPER COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION**

Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

On behalf of the South Carolina Trucking Association, I am writing to state our support for the two new proposed nuclear reactors in Fairfield County. We wish to go on record supporting the construction of the nuclear plants and express our belief that the environment will be well protected during the construction and operation of the nuclear plants.

The operators of the existing nuclear plant in Fairfield County, SCANA and Santee Cooper, have a proven record of running the VC Summer Plant in an environmentally sound fashion. With no compelling identifiable negative issues concerning the construction and operation of the new nuclear plants, we look forward to a thorough but efficient review of the combined license application by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

South Carolina must build for the planned growth in demand for electricity. Nuclear power has been a safe, environmentally friendly, efficient, low cost provider in South Carolina for many years. As you know, the construction and operation of the plants will greatly benefit the economy of South Carolina. As members of the business community, truck owners and operators will greatly benefit from the economic development created by the project.

In closing, the SCTA supports the new nuclear plants and we ask for favorable consideration by the NRC of the SCANA/Santee Cooper Application.

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