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Re: SCANA/Santee Cooper Combined License Application

Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

I am writing to state my support for the two new proposed nuclear reactors in Fairfield County. It is my understanding that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is taking written comments on the scoping process until March 8th. I wish to go on record supporting the construction of the nuclear plants and express my strong 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 sensitive 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 NRC.

It is no secret that 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 a long time. Moreover, the construction and operation of the plants will generate thousands of construction jobs, more than a hundred direct new permanent jobs and the positive collateral benefits as well. We look forward to the stimulus of new houses being built, increased sales of new and existing homes, new small businesses that will spin-off and the tremendous increase in tax base for the county and the state. The homeowners and businesses will be greatly benefited by dependable, low-cost electricity.

In closing I want to reiterate my support for the new nuclear plants and ask for favorable consideration by the NRC of the SCANA/Santee Cooper Application.

Sincerely,

Bill Sandifer

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