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Re: SCANA/Santee Cooper Combined License Application

Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

The Southeast Alliance (SEA) strongly supports the two new proposed nuclear reactors in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

The Southeast Energy Alliance is made up of farm bureaus, chambers, manufacturing associations, rural electric cooperatives and businesses from across the Southeast and is dedicated to the development and implementation of sound energy policy that will ensure affordable, reliable energy for the families, farms, factories and businesses of the region.

South Carolina is expecting an increase in demand for electricity over the next couple of decades as the population continues to grow. Nuclear energy, which is safe, environmentally-friendly, efficient and low-cost, is an essential part of meeting South Carolina's future needs with a balanced energy policy that includes all energy resources.

The existing nuclear plant VC Summer in Fairfield County, SCANA and Santee Cooper, has a proven record of smooth operation and environmental sensitivity. With this track record, we look forward to a thorough but efficient review of the combined license application by the NRC. Construction and operation of the plants will generate thousands of jobs in the Fairfield County area. The development of the nuclear reactors will stimulate the economy by increasing the number of new homes built, increasing sales on existing homes, and creating new businesses. An added benefit is the increase in tax base for the county and the state.

As you review the SCANA/Santee Cooper application for construction and operation of two new nuclear reactors in Fairfield County, please consider the vast economic and environmental benefits this project would yield for both Fairfield County and South Carolina. Encouraging the creation of new nuclear power plants will help ensure a bright and clean energy future for South Carolinians and dependable low-cost energy for area homeowners and businesses.

Southeast Energy Alliance

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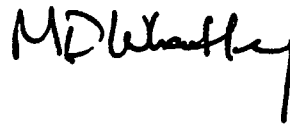
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The Southeast Energy Alliance is committed to working cooperatively with the NRC to ensure U.S. energy policy accurately reflects our growing need to enhance U.S. energy security, properly protect our environment, expand our domestic resource base, and work toward the thoughtful utilization of all domestic energy resources. SEA strongly supports the two proposed nuclear reactors in Fairfield County and believes that they will contribute toward a balanced energy program for South Carolina that will benefit both the state and the nation.

If you have any questions, or if SEA can provide additional information, please feel free to contact me directly at 202-674-1750.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Whatley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Michael Whatley  
Executive Director  
Southeast Energy Alliance