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**Testimony on Vogtle Reactor additions
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My name is Mal McKibben. I am Executive Director Emeritus of Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA). I am a life-long nuclear professional.

CNTA is the nation's largest independent, citizen-based group. We can say with confidence that we represent the views of the citizens in this area. And, hundreds of our members are technical nuclear experts. Our elected officials from Georgia and South Carolina have been very supportive of our activities. We are *true* nuclear watchdogs who champion safety, environmental protection, and the public's interest.

The public in Georgia and South Carolina is very comfortable with nuclear enterprises because we have many excellent and safe nuclear facilities, including eleven nuclear power reactors, a nuclear fuel manufacturing plant in Columbia, SC, a low-level waste disposal site in Barnwell, SC, a commercial nuclear laundry in Barnwell, and the massive Savannah River Site. These facilities have operated safely for decades with good environmental stewardship. The power reactors provide clean and green sources of electricity and thousands of good paying jobs.

The arguments offered by the anti-nuclear activists are exaggerations or are simply specious. They have grossly exaggerated the effects of dredging and the effects on river water purity. And, some of their statements on adverse health effects are simply wrong.

We urge approval of these additional reactors at Plant Vogtle. Georgia Power has proven itself. They have the support of the people in this area because they have earned it.

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