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Re: SCANA/Santee Cooper Combined License Application – South Carolina

Dr. Dale E. Klein
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O-16G4
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Dr. Klein:

I ask to go on record in support of the two new nuclear power plants in Fairfield County, South Carolina. South Carolina's residents and businesses will be well-served by these facilities.

The operators of the existing nuclear plant in Fairfield County, SCANA and Santee Cooper, have a proven record of operating the V.C. Summer Plant in an environmentally responsible way. I have no reason to believe the construction and operation of these new facilities would be handled any differently, and I look forward to a thorough but efficient review of the combined license application.

The Palmetto State must prepare for our growing energy needs, and this source has been a safe, efficient, and reliable one for years. The construction and operation of these new plants will also generate thousands of construction jobs and hundreds of permanent jobs.

I reaffirm my support for these facilities and ask for favorable consideration by the NRC of the SCANA/Santee Cooper application. I appreciate your time and careful consideration.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry K. Grooms". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops.

Larry K. Grooms

cc: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration