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PSEG/NUCLEAR PUBLIC HEARING

My name is Jack Kugler. I am the Executive Director of the Salem County Improvement Authority. I am here today representing my Board and our 125 employees in supporting PSEG's efforts to build and operate a fourth nuclear unit here in Salem County.

Part of the responsibility of our Improvement Authority here in Salem County is directing the economic development efforts and supporting both large and small businesses by helping them expand and grow their opportunities. This new application represents the "principles" in which the County's Economic Development Strategy is based on. That being:

- "Green" technologies and construction method.
- Sustainability
- Focused location with preservation of open space.
- Regional cooperation.
- Creation of a wide range of employment opportunities.
- Reduction in property taxes.
- Transparency and civic involvement.

As the County economic development engine, we have partnered with PSEG in the past on various projects. A couple of those being Gateway Business Park and the County of Salem's Emergency Services Building. It has always been our experience when dealing with PSEG that they operate at the highest level of integrity and they certainly understand their civic responsibilities. PSEG's management consistently provides us with updates on their operational issues. They also serve on a wide range of volunteer board and civic organizations which helps spur economic development in these tough times.

I would like to mention some keys facts that would be related to this application if approved:

Generate roughly \$430 million in sales of goods and services in the local community.

Create an additional \$40 million in total labor income for the new unit.

This new plant would create approximately 450 new permanent jobs that are so desperately needed.

While under construction roughly 1,400 to 1,800 construction jobs would be created.

This new plant would generate roughly \$20 million in state and local tax revenue.

Education and local infrastructure benefit from tax revenues.

This facility would generate roughly \$75 million in federal tax payment annually.

A substantial number of non nuclear jobs estimated to be 400 to 500 would be created as a result of a new unit being built.

Other benefits to building this new unit that would have a positive impact regionally are the boost to the local economy with the purchase of commodities such as:

400,000 cubic feet of concrete

66,000 tons of steel

44 miles of piping

300 miles of electrical wiring

130,000 electrical components

Salem County is now recognized as the alternative energy capital of the Northeast. Not only are we fortunate enough to have three operating nuclear power plants we recently had ground breakings on significant solar projects that will develop 92 megawatts of energy. With the addition of a fourth unit, which has the majority of the infrastructure to support it, we believe this country is moving in the correct direction by creating alternative energy projects and removing our dependency on foreign oil.

Not only is it important to recognize this new application is extremely important to the people of Salem County but we need to continue to support the ongoing efforts of PSEG as they operate their three existing units. We firmly believe and know that PSEG operates their existing units at the **highest levels with safety and quality** being the main ingredient of employee focus. Their record speaks for itself. We know that when the fourth unit goes on line the same criteria will be the basis of the operation.

We know and expect there will be many challenges for PSEG as this application process moves forward. We also want you to know that we will be there to support PSEG's efforts and to assist them in any way possible in making this project a reality.

Thank you for your time.



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