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MAYOR

August 18, 2011

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mr. Andrew Bates, Acting Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Commission:

As Mayor of the City of Augusta, I am writing to express my continued support for the NRC issuance of two Combined Construction and Operating Licenses (COL), as well as two Limited Work Authorizations (LWA), to Vogtle Units 3 and 4 as referenced in Citation 76 FR 50767, Document Number NRC-2008-0441, Docket Nos. 52-025-COL and 52-026-COL, and found in the Federal Register on page 50767.

I have supported the Vogtle 3 and 4 project by submitting a letter of support to the NRC on October 27, 2008 in support of the Early Site Permit. With this letter, I am indicating my continued support of the project.

Our community has long been a supporter of nuclear energy. That support remains strong because of Southern Nuclear's performance record of operating two existing units in the community for more than 20 years while protecting the health and safety of the public. Recent issuances of Final Safety Evaluation Reports by the NRC technical staff on the Westinghouse AP1000 and the Vogtle 3 and 4 COL are certainly good news for our community. As you near the conclusion of the Vogtle COL and LWA process, I hope the Commission will find that all applicable standards and requirements of the Commission's regulations have been met in order to issue this historic COL for the new Vogtle units to Southern Nuclear.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at (706) 821.1831 or mayordeke@augustaga.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deke", written in a cursive style.

Mayor Deke Copenhaver

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