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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001  
**[Transmitted electronically to [hearingdocket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearingdocket@nrc.gov)]**

**RE:** Vogtle 3 and 4 Combined Construction and Operating Licenses  
(Docket Nos. 52-025-COL and 52-026-COL)

Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

As Governor of the State of Georgia, I am writing in full support of the NRC's issuance of the Combined Operating License for Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4, in Burke County Georgia.

The owners of the Vogtle plant - Georgia Power, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) and Dalton Utilities - have a proven track record for the safe and efficient operation of nuclear facilities and operate the existing Vogtle plant in a responsible and environmentally-friendly manner. Additionally, the two new units represent a \$14 billion capital investment in Georgia, and will create 3,500 construction jobs and 800 permanent jobs.

Georgia has a large, diverse economy and is home to one of the world's major cities. More and more electricity will be needed to meet the demand for power in our state during the coming decades. Between the years 2000 and 2040, Georgia's population is expected to increase by 5 million residents - nearly the equivalent of Atlanta's current population.

I was encouraged to learn that the NRC issued its Final Safety Evaluation Report for the Vogtle Combined Construction and Operating License in August 2011. This is great news.

I am writing to express my support for the Vogtle 3 and 4 Nuclear Project. I strongly recommend that the NRC approve the Vogtle 3 and 4 COL (Docket Nos. 52-025-COL and 52-026-COL), without delay.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Deal".

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