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## **VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**

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Re: Request for Ruling on Petitioners' Motion to Stay the Effectiveness of the Combined

License for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4 Pending Judicial Review -

Docket Nos. 52-025-COL & 52-026-COL

## **Dear Commissioners:**

On behalf of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Center for a Sustainable Coast, and Georgia Women's Action for New Directions (collectively "Petitioners"), we are writing to request an immediate ruling on Petitioners' Motion to Stay the Effectiveness of the Combined License ("COL") for Vogtle Electric Generating Plants Units 3 and 4 Pending Judicial Review (Feb. 16, 2012) ("Stay Motion"). The Stay Motion and responses by Southern Nuclear Operating Company and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff have been pending before the Commission since March 2, 2012.

As you are aware, the issues raised by the Stay Motion are time-sensitive. Construction is already underway at the Plant Vogtle site, causing irreparable harm to Petitioners and the environment by irretrievably committing a large amount of natural resources and generating significant emissions of carbon to the environment.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your decision on this matter by April 17, 2012. In the event that we do not receive a decision within that timeframe, we will deem your silence a constructive denial and will file a motion to stay the effectiveness of the Vogtle COLs with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, where we have filed petitions for review of the COLs and related decisions, including the AP1000 rule (Docket Nos. 12-1151 and 12-1106).

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