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Annette L. Vetti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Docket ID NRC-2013-0024

Dear Ms. Vetti-Cook

I am Doyle Howard, Business Manager & Financial Secretary of IBEW Local 84. We are the sole bargaining representative for workers at Plants Edwin J. Hatch and Alvin Vogtle Nuclear Generating Plants in Baxley and Waynesboro Georgia. Local 84 members are proud, dedicated, loyal, hardworking safety-conscious professionals. They go to work every day realizing that their jobs and themselves are special. Their attention to detail, strict adherence to procedures and safety are tools used to ensure that Public Safety, Plant and Personnel Safety always comes first.

I have carefully reviewed the NEI Petition. I am writing to express my and Local 84 members views why adopting proposals contained within the petition would be unwise and unfair. Employees are subjected to a process that rarely gives them a clear, fair and full explanation why their Unescorted Access privileges have been revoked. Many do not believe the Company's internal review would be unbiased. Arbitration unrestricted and unlimited provides an opportunity to fully examine and challenge the Company decision.

Fortunately, I have had the opportunity to witness instances where Company investigations and decisions proved to be unjust. These kind of injustices would have barred employees from future employment with the company had it not been for the grievance process, which includes impartial arbitration. The Scott Pruitt case between Local 84 and Southern Nuclear Operating Co. heard on July 9, 2004 by Dennis R. Nolan, Arbitrator, provides an opportunity to view the examples referenced earlier.

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity, to express to you, that I, Local 84 Leadership and it's members are committed to preserving public safety, plant safety and personnel safety. We are committed to our members and to being just and fair. We have no interest in protecting anyone who is a genuine threat to the safety of the Public, Plants and Personnel. We strongly feel that arbitration, without limitations or restrictions is necessary to prevent company injustices.

Sincerely,

Doyle W. Howard,
Business Manager & Financial Secretary