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Mr. Andrew Kugler United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Kugler:

I regret that I will be unable to attend the NRC's public meeting held today in Louisa County on the license renewal proposal for North Anna Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2. Therefore, I am writing this letter to offer my support on behalf of their proposal.

Throughout Dominion Virginia Power's twenty year history in Central Virginia they have proven themselves good corporate citizens – financially as well as environmentally. Since 1966 Dominion Virginia Power has paid more than \$170 million in property taxes to Louisa County. In 2001 alone, they contributed \$10.99 million to the County's economy. Although it may seem like it, it is not the money alone that counts. North Anna employs 825 people from the surrounding communities. They demonstrate their commitment to the community through active and frequent involvement.

North Anna Power Station commitment to the environment is above reproach. Nuclear energy itself does not produce any of the air emissions associated with fossil-fueled generation plants, thus nuclear generation helps to protect the environment. The company's conservation efforts focus on protecting and enhancing fish populations as well as migratory birds through policies, procedures and permits obtained from the Unites States Fish and Wildlife Service. As good stewards to the environment Dominion biologist regularly monitor the health of fish populations with no harmful results found. As I perceive it, North Anna Nuclear Power Station is environmentally safe, environmentally sound and environmentally responsible.

Dominion Virginia Power is committed to safety at North Anna Power Station. They plan it into all aspects of work activity. Safety work practices are reinforced through training and continuous improvement measures.

North Anna Power Station plays an essential role in meeting the Commonwealth's energy needs. It produces approximately 17 percent of the electricity used by fellow Virginians, that is the equivalent to lighting up some 450 homes across the Old Dominion. For nine consecutive years North Anna Power Station has been recognized as among the lowest-cost producers of nuclear-generated electricity in the United States. The North Anna station plays a crucial role in

providing low-cost energy that makes Virginia attractive to business. The continued operation of North Anna Power Station is critical to the development of a robust, competitive retail electric market in Virginia.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide these comments in support of the license renewal for Units 1 and 2 at North Anna Power Station. If you should have questions or comments please, do not hesitate to contact me at (540) 967-1400. I am

Respectfully,

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