

## CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Dear Mr. Burkhart:

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) wishes to thank you for presenting to our citizens the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) role in reviewing the partial Combined Operating License Application (COLA) for a license to build and operate an Evolutionary Power Reactor at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. We understand that:

1. This is the first of several public meetings, and that the NRC process involves extensive reviews by independent technical experts, as well as significant involvement from the public.
2. The NRC is an independent and technically-oriented government agency that evaluates the safety of the proposed plant and its potential impact on the environment and the surrounding community.
3. The NRC is not an advocate for nuclear power or for the proposed expansion.

Calvert County has historically been supportive of the plant and its potential expansion. In 2000, we stood by Constellation Energy in support of the plant's re-licensing efforts, watching Calvert Cliffs become the first plant in the United States to achieve re-licensing. In 2005, we publicly supported selection of Calvert Cliffs by NuStart as a potential site for expansion and, in 2006, legislation was enacted that provided a 50 percent tax credit for new construction. Today, our support continues and we look forward to the day when Calvert Cliffs achieves yet another place in history.

From a national perspective, nuclear energy is our largest source of clean energy and a critical piece of our nation's energy strategy. Nuclear energy has perhaps the lowest impact on the environment—including air, land, water, and wildlife—of any energy source. Nuclear energy does not emit harmful greenhouse gases and requires less area to produce the same amount of electricity as other sources. Conservation and energy efficiency are important and noble components for achieving energy diversity in the United States. However, no other combination of non-nuclear alternatives provides the level of base-load generating power.

For 30 years, Calvert Cliffs has been a contributor to our economic stability, cultural fabric, and a viable business entity in the County. Their presence has been the driving force that allows our citizens to maintain an outstanding quality of life. In the 1970s, the plant changed the face of our community, bringing new opportunities, including significant employment and tax increases, which meant significantly expanded services. It is true that Constellation Energy is a large tax payer and we have a vested interest in their success, but Constellation Energy is more than just a large taxpayer and employer; they are a proven community partner with a remarkable safety record and a steward of our environment. The 30-year record of environmental responsibility, management of more than 2,000 acres of pristine forest and shoreline at Calvert Cliffs, combined with their ongoing partnerships with government agencies and environmental organizations, ensures Calvert Cliffs operates within the letter and the spirit of the law.

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Many of the decisions we make are difficult; many take months, even years, but the decision to support the potential expansion remains simple and uncomplicated. Nuclear energy is clean and reliable. Calvert Cliffs is a good and responsible corporate citizen in our community. Given our history with the plant, we are comfortable with its presence, appreciate the financial contribution to our economy, and, most importantly, trust the regulatory process and oversight and Constellation's commitment to safety and environmental stewardship.

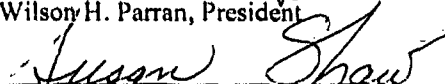
We appreciate your efforts in providing public information to the residents of Calvert County and encourage you to continue to be accessible to answer regulatory questions or concerns, as will we. Nuclear energy is critical to our country's ability to provide clean, safe, and reliable energy while balancing our responsibility to the environment. It is imperative to reverse the growth of greenhouse gas emissions and Calvert County stands ready to share in our nation's responsibility to provide resources that produce energy to minimize the impact to our global environment.

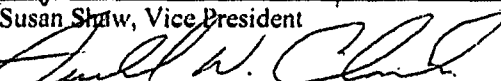
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 410-535-1600, extension 2214, or Linda Vassallo, Director of Economic Development, who acts as the County Government point-of-contact for the project. Ms. Vassallo, can be reached on 410-535-1600, extension 2483, or via e-mail at [vassalls@co.cal.md.us](mailto:vassalls@co.cal.md.us).


Sincerely,

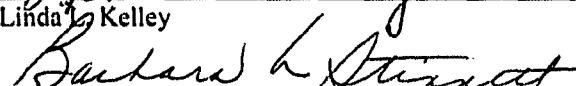
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