

August 11, 2011

The Honorable Nathan Deal
Governor of Georgia
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Deal:

I am writing to notify you that the Commission is convening an evidentiary hearing on September 27, 2011, to be continued if necessary on September 28, 2011, associated with the application for two combined licenses to authorize construction and operation of Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4, located in Burke County, GA. Enclosed is a *Federal Register* Notice regarding the mandatory hearing that has been sent to the Office of the Federal Register to be published.

The Commission's procedures allow any interested State, local government body, or affected, federally-recognized Indian Tribe to file with the Commission a statement of any issues or questions that the State, local government body, or Indian Tribe wishes the Commission to give particular attention to as part of the mandatory hearing. Written statements from interested governmental or Tribal participants, including interested states, are due by August 26, 2011. Representatives from your state have interacted with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) throughout the process. Should you be interested in providing a written statement on behalf of the state of Georgia, we encourage a coordinated response through your State Liaison Officer (SLO) to the NRC.

As provided in the enclosed hearing notice, written statements and supporting documentation (if any) should be submitted to the Commission using the agency's E-filing system. If practicable, we request that written statements be filed by use of the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE). If your staff does not already have a digital certificate for EIE, please contact the NRC's Office of the Secretary to request an approval code to apply online for a digital certificate by e-mail at hearingdocket@nrc.gov or by telephone at (301) 415-1677. If your staff requires assistance in navigating the agency's E-Filing system, please contact the NRC's Metasystem Help Desk (accessible through the "Contact Us" link located on the E-Filing website), by e-mail at mshd.resource@nrc.gov, or by telephone toll free at (866) 672-7640 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, with the exception of government

holidays. If your staff is unable to use the EIE, or will have difficulty complying with EIE requirements in the time frame provided for the submission of written statements, the state's written statement may be transmitted by electronic mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov.

In addition, the staff has recently provided the Commission a publicly available SECY paper (pre-filed testimony) regarding this matter: SECY-11-0110, dated August 9, 2011, Staff Statement in Support of the Uncontested Hearing for Issuance of Combined Licenses and Limited Work Authorizations for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4 (Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026). The paper may be found on the NRC public website (ML110600264) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/recent/2011/>.

Sincerely,

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Andrew L. Bates
Acting Secretary

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