



COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION

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August 24, 2011

Office of the Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Plant Vogtle units 3 and 4 (Docket Nos. 52-025-COL and 52-026-COL)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our organization, the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO), supports the planned expansion of Southern Nuclear's Plant Vogtle and strongly encourages the Commission to approve the Combined Construction and Operating License (COL) for units 3 and 4 without delay. These new units, which are scheduled to join the grid in the next five to seven years, are critical to our energy future and to our nation's quest for reduced carbon dioxide emissions and clean energy.

The SRSCRO is charged with developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to diversify the economy of a five-county region in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) of Georgia and South Carolina. The SRSCRO is governed by a 22-member Board of Directors composed of business, government and academic leaders from Georgia and South Carolina. Initially, its mission was to develop and implement a regional economic development plan utilizing technology-based facilities at the Savannah River Site. Today, SRSCRO remains focused on diversifying the region's economy by supporting new business ventures that create new jobs in our region.

We strongly believe that nuclear power is our number one source of emission-free electricity. Today, the U. S. remains the global leader in nuclear power, with more operating nuclear reactors than any other nation. And after a three decade hiatus, utility companies like Southern Nuclear are pursuing plans to build more than 30 new reactors in several areas of the country, including here in Georgia and South Carolina.

This is welcome news for the future workforce for our region and nation that is in desperate need of sustainable jobs.

Commercial nuclear power is now more than 50 years old and, in those five decades, has proven itself to be reliable, economical and, most of all, safe. Electricity production at existing nuclear power plants continues at near-record performance levels with capacity factors at an impressive 90%. And the last several years have shown that this strong operating performance is sustainable while maintaining a solid safety record.

We look forward to Plant Vogtle continuing a strong and growing role in our energy future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. David Jameson', with a long, sweeping underline.

J. David Jameson
Chair, SRSCRO