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To the ASLB,

The Nature Coast Business Development Council pledges its support for Progress Energy's proposed nuclear reactor to be constructed north of Inglis, in Levy County.

With advances in nuclear energy infrastructure design and safety, we are confident the 1,000 megawatt passive pressurized water reactor is more than suited for this location and its surroundings. We believe the environmental impact will be minimal with carbon-free nuclear power, and with the ability to accommodate more consumers, will allow for reduced energy rates.

Since opening its Crystal River plant in 1977, Progress Energy has remained committed to the community through charitable donations, event sponsorships and other assistance. They have worked exhaustively to maintain flawless safety and operations records that exemplify their care for the community.

Furthermore, the proposed Levy plant is expected to generate 3,400 construction jobs, and 800 permanent jobs once the reactor goes online. Coupled with taxes and revenue generated from home sales, groceries, fuel and other expenses from these workers, they will contribute to the continued economic growth and prosperity of this region.

Through a commitment to reducing demand on fossil fuels and focusing on renewable energy, putting hard working men and women to work and keeping ahead of the growing demand for energy, this will fuel the strength of the surrounding communities to become more sustainable and provide more opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

Doug King,
Chairman, NCBDC

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