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Plant Vogtle Community Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

I'm pleased to share news with you about Georgia Power's plans for expansion at Plant Vogtle. I'm sure many of you have read about these plans in the newspaper, listened to reports about them on the news and heard about them from area employees.



I was born and reared in Burke County, and I've been a resident of this area off and on for more than 40 years. I had the privilege of working at Plant Vogtle when the first two units were under construction. As a citizen of this community, as well as a Georgia Power employee, I'm eager to see these new units built. It is indeed an exciting and challenging time for us as we work to finalize our plans to build two new units at Plant Vogtle.

We certainly appreciate our neighbors who have supported us throughout this process. Many of you have attended public meetings and spoken on our behalf. Some of you have written letters to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and still others have testified in hearings before the Georgia Public Service Commission. Public support is very important in this process and we are grateful for your time and efforts.

Throughout this process, we want to keep you well informed. To make sure you have the most current information about the project, we will periodically send you newsletters like this one. In this newsletter, you can learn more about the licensing process, find out what we have done so far and discover what steps are next.

If you have questions or want to know more about the project, you can contact us by U.S. mail at the Plant Vogtle Visitors Center, 7821 River Road, Waynesboro, GA 30830. If you'd like to learn more about the plant or want to schedule a tour, please contact the Visitors Center at 706-554-9407. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,
Walter Dukes
Georgia Power
East Region Vice President

Potential Expansion Planned at Plant Vogtle

Georgia Power has put much time and thought into building new units at Plant Vogtle. In 2006, Southern Nuclear, the licensed operator of the plant, filed an application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for an Early Site Permit. While not a commitment to build, this permit allows the NRC to review and pre-approve the plant site for future construction of new units. It also allows the company to evaluate the site for potential construction before making a decision to build new units.

In October 2007, Southern Nuclear, on behalf of Georgia Power and the other plant owners, also applied for a Combined Construction Permit and Operating License (COL). Filing this application is part of a long-range generation planning process to meet growing energy needs in Georgia. The process identifies the most economical, reliable and environmentally responsible way to generate power for our customers. The NRC is currently scheduled to issue the COL for Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 in 2011.

Additionally, Georgia Power needs approval from the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) before making a decision to build any new generation. The company has applied for PSC certification for Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4. The PSC is scheduled to make its decision on certification in March 2009. Provided the appropriate approvals are granted from the PSC and the NRC, Plant Vogtle Unit 3 will begin commercial operation in 2016 and Unit 4 in 2017.

Georgia Power has also entered into a contract with the Westinghouse-Shaw consortium to use Westinghouse AP1000 reactor technology for the new Vogtle units. This technology has received design certification from the NRC, after completing the most thorough pre-construction licensing review ever conducted by the agency.

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What's happening now at Plant Vogtle?

Georgia Power and Southern Nuclear are working together to prepare for the possibility of building new units at Plant Vogtle. Currently, there is no construction going on at the plant site because construction can not begin without approval of the Georgia Public Service Commission. However, if you live near Plant Vogtle, you may see some work being done to help prepare for potential construction. These activities include transmission line upgrades, general clean-up of the plant site and removal of old buildings no longer in use by the plant. We will continue to keep you posted on any future activities related to possible new units.

What is the NRC?

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is an independent agency of the federal government. The agency is headed by five commissioners appointed by the president of the United States and confirmed by the Senate. NRC inspectors are located at every U.S. nuclear energy plant. These inspectors monitor the plant's daily operations. If a nuclear power plant is not operating safely, the NRC will shut it down until it improves its safety practices. The NRC also regulates the design, siting, construction and operation of all new nuclear units. To learn more about the NRC, visit the agency's Web site at www.nrc.gov.

About Plant Vogtle

Plant Vogtle owners are:

Georgia Power	45.7%
Oglethorpe Power Company	30.0%
Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia	22.7%
Dalton Utilities	1.6%

The licensed operator of the plant is Southern Nuclear Operating Company. Construction started in 1974. Unit 1 began commercial operation in 1987 and Unit 2 in 1989.

The plant employs about 900 people.

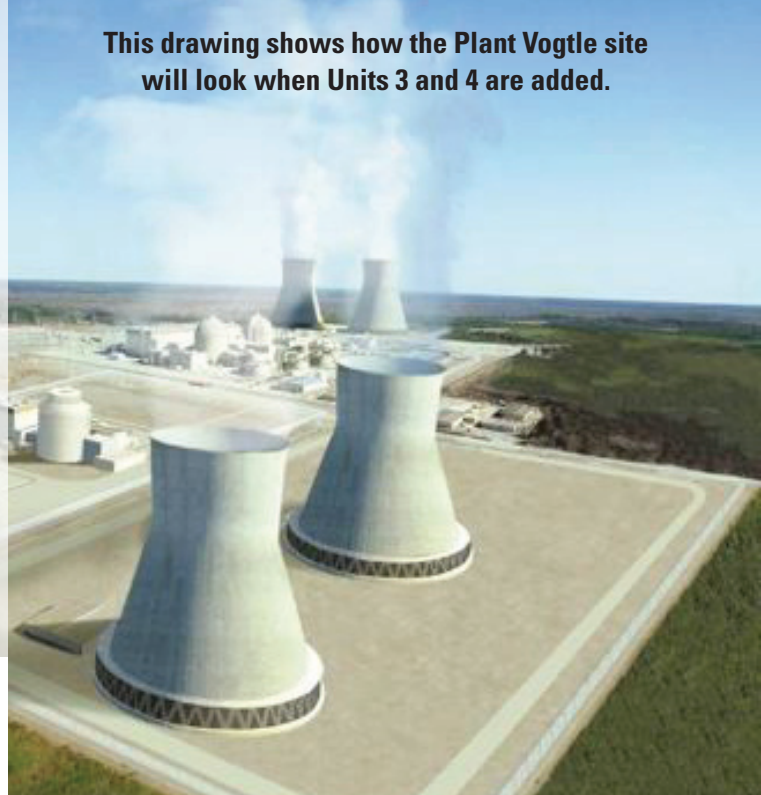


Timeline for Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4

(Timeline graphic to incorporate following dates)

August 2006 --- Filed Early Site Permit (ESP) application
 March 2008 --- Filed license application
 April 2008 --- Signed contract with Westinghouse-Shaw consortium
 August 2008 --- Filed resource plan with Georgia Public Service Commission
 March 2009 --- Public Service Commission decision on certification
 Summer 2011 --- NRC decision on plant license
 2016 --- Commercial operation for Unit 3
 2017 --- Commercial operation for Unit 4

This drawing shows how the Plant Vogtle site will look when Units 3 and 4 are added.



Want to Know More?

To find out more about Plant Vogtle or to schedule a tour, contact our plant Visitors Center at 706-554-9407, 706-826-3630 or 706-826-3632.