



## News Release

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### APPA APPLAUDS NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION DECISION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR REACTORS AT V.C. SUMMER

*April 2, 2012* – The American Public Power Association (APPA) today commended the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s (NRC’s) historic decision to approve construction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> new nuclear reactor project in decades. The V.C. Summer plant, located in South Carolina, is jointly owned by South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) and the state-owned electric utility Santee Cooper. Santee Cooper is a member of APPA.

“The NRC should be commended for their decision to approve these new nuclear units,” said Mark Crisson, President and CEO of APPA. “At a time when stringent environmental regulations are adversely impacting the existing industry capacity, this approval sends a strong message of support for the development of new, clean nuclear power to help meet our nation’s growing energy needs.”

Crison also pointed out the significant role of public power’s consistently strong credit rating, which enabled the owners of the plant to obtain the financing necessary for the construction and operation of the new units.

The two new advanced-design AP1000 reactors continues the expansion of the U.S. nuclear fleet and follows the NRC’s announcement in February approving two new nuclear units at the Vogtle Electric Generating plant, jointly owned by Georgia Power, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG), and Dalton Utilities. MEAG is also a member of APPA. The project will be one of the largest in South Carolina history and will create thousands of jobs in the state.

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