Vogtle nuclear expansion project progresses -Focus is safety, quality

With the Unit 3 cooling tower at its final height of 600 feet and the Unit 4 cooling tower rising quickly, visible progress continues on the two new nuclear units currently under construction at Georgia Power's Plant Vogtle near Waynesboro. Vogtle units 3 and 4, among the first new nuclear units to be constructed in the U.S. in three decades, are beginning to mirror the existing units at Plant Vogtle which have been safely and reliably operating since the 1980s.

The more than \$10 billion capital project, which will provide clean energy for 60 years at a low, stable cost, is currently scheduled to enter service in June 2019 for Unit 3 and June 2020 for Unit 4.

The construction of units 3 and 4 is the largest job-producing project currently underway in Georgia, and the economic benefits for customers are overwhelming. The site is a safe and productive place to work, with 5,000 workers onsite and more than 6 million safe work hours logged in the first half of 2015. In addition to this massive construction workforce from across the country, the facility will create 800 permanent,



high-paying local careers when complete. Thousands of additional, indirect jobs have resulted from the construction of these units.

Significant milestones continue to be achieved during the expansion, including the recent arrival of the 1.3-million-pound

Unit 3 Steam Generator from South Korea and placements of the 64,000-pound CA04 module into the Vogtle Unit 4 nuclear island, CA20 in the Unit 3 nuclear island and the containment vessel bottom head (CVBH) for Unit 4.

Additionally, Georgia Power recently celebrated the safe placement of the heaviest "lift" of the project, the 2.28-million-pound Unit 3 CA01 module, in August. The CA01 module, made entirely of steel, will house two steam generators for Unit 3 in addition to other equipment.

The expansion at Plant Vogtle is part of Georgia Power's long-term plan for providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable energy for Georgians well into the future. Once units 3 and 4 join the existing two Vogtle units already in operation, Plant Vogtle is expected to generate more electricity than any U.S. nuclear facility, enough to power more than one million homes and businesses in Georgia.

Southern Nuclear, a subsidiary of Southern Company, is overseeing construction and will operate the two new 1,100-megawatt AP1000 units for Georgia Power and co-owners Oglethorpe Power Corporation, the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and Dalton Utilities. Georgia Power owns 45.7 percent of the new units.

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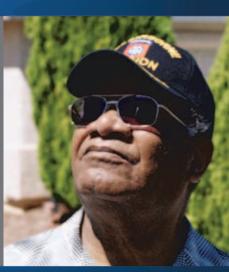
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