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Joint Energy Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
Arkansas State Capitol
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Attn: Senator Mark Johnson & State Representative Matthew Shepherd, Co-Chairs

Re: Expression of Interest for the Russellville Area as the Premier Location for New Nuclear Reactor Development

Dear Members of the Joint Energy Committee,

On behalf of the Russellville Area Chamber of Commerce and our business community, we would like to express our sincere interest in, and commitment to, positioning the greater Russellville area as the premier destination for new nuclear reactor development in Arkansas.

We have closely followed the Committee's work on this issue and the ongoing statewide nuclear energy feasibility study conducted by EXCEL Services Corporation. While we recognize that the preliminary study suggests multiple regions across the state for future advanced nuclear and Small Modular Reactor (SMR) deployment, Russellville is the only location in Arkansas that maintains an established ecosystem of economic, workforce, infrastructure, and emergency management assets specifically tailored for the nuclear energy sector.

We are confident that our extensive experience with nuclear power generation will drastically reduce friction and risk from development through full operation. We respectfully submit the following assets that make Russellville the logical choice for your next phase of nuclear expansion:

Unique Workforce Readiness and Specialized Pipeline

Russellville is home to an entrenched and highly skilled nuclear workforce that is unique



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within the state. For over 50 years, the operations at Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO) have established generations of specialized nuclear engineers, licensed operators, radiation protection technicians, and skilled craft labor who live, work, and raise families in our community. Additionally, secondary and tertiary businesses that support ANO's operations and workforce represent added value to this niche ecosystem.

Our region also benefits from close relationships with educational partners, including Arkansas Tech University (ATU), University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton (UACCM), and other local technical training institutions, that understand the rigorous standards and workforce needs of the nuclear sector and are already pursuing opportunities to reinforce our nuclear workforce ecosystem in light of this potential project.

Infrastructure and Transmission Assets

Deploying new nuclear generation requires capital-intensive infrastructure that takes years to design and secure. Russellville already possesses these critical assets serving ANO:

Transmission Capacity: Our region is already integrated into high-voltage transmission corridors that distribute baseload capacity across the state grid. We value Entergy's partnership and investment in robust local infrastructure that generates and dispatches over 20% of Arkansas's energy demand from right here in Russellville.

Water Resources: located along Lake Dardanelle, the Russellville area offers proven, permitted, and environmentally suitable water access currently capable of supporting nuclear infrastructure.

Industrial Logistics: Our proximity to major transportation arteries (including Interstate 40, local ports, and rail access) ensures efficient movement of heavy equipment, materials, and components necessary for new reactor installation.

Emergency Management & Public Safety

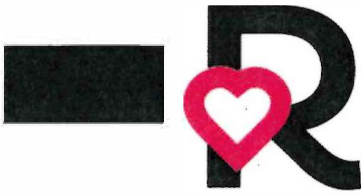
Nuclear development requires a high degree of safety coordination that takes years to establish. In Russellville, we possess decades of continuous, seamless coordination among local emergency management teams, first responders, county officials, state/federal agencies, and plant operators. Emergency response plans are defined, rehearsed, and operationalized daily. Training partners like ATU have a dedicated Emergency Management & Homeland Security programs that reinforce this structure. We acknowledge no other region in Arkansas can replicate this level of readiness without starting from scratch.



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Established Pro Nuclear Culture and Public Trust

We believe the greatest hurdles to new nuclear deployment in prospective regions are public skepticism and regulatory friction. Nuclear energy is woven into the identity and economic fabric of our community. For generations, Entergy Arkansas and ANO have been trusted corporate entities, drivers of our tax base, and economic pillars of the River Valley.

Our local population understands and welcomes the high-paying jobs and economic stability that nuclear energy provides. We believe this is one of our greatest assets, as unforeseen negative public sentiment can delay or prevent a project of this magnitude from moving forward in other uninitiated communities. Our local officials, residents, and regional workforce proudly stand behind this critical initiative today and tomorrow.

Conclusion

As Arkansas evaluates its future energy security, grid reliability, and the integration of new technologies to meet surging industrial demand, the path of least resistance leads directly through Russellville. Thank you for tackling this issue and for considering the Russellville area, as we are uniquely prepared to lead Arkansas' energy future.

Sincerely,

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