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Please see the attached Calvert County Minority Business Alliance (CCMBA) Cover Letter and Statement regarding the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant EIS Study. Thank you.

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The Calvert County Minority Business Alliance (CCMBA) is pleased to submit the following statement regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of the Constellation Energy/ Unistar Combined Operating License Application for a 3rd proposed Nuclear Reactor at Calvert Cliffs located in Calvert County, MD. CCMBA asks that the following areas be considered prior to, during and after the outcome of the license application including the two existing nuclear reactors at Calvert Cliffs: Employment Opportunities and Development; Contracting Opportunities; Educational Programs; and Training, Communication and Safety.

Background

The mission of CCMBA is to educate, assist, and develop its members by promoting the growth and retention of minority business in Calvert County; providing training and education opportunities; acting as a liaison to local, state and federal policy makers concerning minority business needs including recommending programs and services that benefit this segment of the business community as well as increase the County's business tax base; and providing opportunities to market and expand one's business.

According to Dun and Bradstreet, Calvert County has 425 African American Owned businesses as of January 2008 who have a D&B number. The information that D&B provided for other minority groups and women owned businesses was not as conclusive given the universe of businesses located in Calvert County. CCMBA is in the process of working with the Southern MD Minority Business Opportunities Task Force comprised of the Tri County Council of Southern MD, the St. Mary's Minority Business Alliance, the Charles County Minority Business Advocacy Council and the Embassy Business Complex to establish a comprehensive data collection tool to identify small, minority and women owned businesses in the Southern MD region where Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant is located.

Employment Opportunities and Development

CCMBA would like to ensure that new job opportunities and career advancement opportunities for current employees be communicated to the community stakeholders. Current practices and plans for hiring, education and development, and career advancement should be reported. Current employee breakouts should show how many minorities by race are employed at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant as well as by position and levels of management. Training plans should also be communicated to the community, because a highly qualified and trained workforce must be maintained in order to ensure our community's safety. It is noted that Constellation Energy does have an online job database, however, the overall plans and practices should be communicated to effectively understand the socio economic impacts on the community.

Contracting Opportunities

It is requested that Constellation Energy and Unistar communicate contracting opportunities at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant as well as any specialized training that is required. Baltimore, Gas and Electric (BGE), an operating division of Constellation Energy, has a supplier diversity program in place as described on the BGE website. However, there currently is no information listed on the Unistar website regarding Supplier Diversity programs and initiatives. BGE's website lists the following opportunities and support:

Supplier Diversity Program

BGE's Supplier Diversity Program provides purchasing opportunities for minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBs). Our staff is dedicated to identifying qualified diverse firms who offer high-quality, cost-competitive goods and services, and matching them with the needs of the company.

The program staff familiarizes diverse suppliers with BGE's buying procedures, then helps them establish relationships with BGE departments who are in need of their products and services. Referrals and technical assistance are provided on request.

Corporate Procurement

Vehicles, mobile construction equipment, material handling equipment, office equipment, machines and furniture, office supplies, contract personnel, safety equipment, janitorial supplies, uniforms, paint, HVAC equipment, conduits, cable trays, and towers.

Customer Relations and Field Services Procurement

Customer and market research, customer service training, advertising, call centers, credit and collection agencies.

Electric Transmission, Distribution Gas Procurement

Transformers, wire, cable, switches, insulators, lamps, metal poles, wood poles, gas and electric meters, gas operations, planning, engineering, construction and associated services.

CCMBA requests that the Supplier Diversity Program be extended to the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant if it currently is not already being administered at this location for the proposed 3rd reactor project and current procurement needs similar to those highlighted by BGE. Also, CCMBA asks for the commitment from Unistar/Constellation and its prime contractors to use local businesses and local minority businesses first whenever possible. It is noted that Bechtel Power Corporation, a global engineering, construction and project management company, partners with Unistar/Constellation Energy to build its Nuclear Power Plants and again wherever possible CCMBA asks that local and minority businesses be provided the information and technical assistance to support securing subcontract opportunities. A status report of local businesses that are doing business with Calvert Cliffs should also be provided. This report should also be

updated on regular basis, i.e. quarterly, semi annually or annually to track and communicate progress.

Educational Programs

Given that the work at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant is technical in nature and that Calvert County is the home of energy projects conducted by companies such as Dominion Cove, Southern Maryland Electric Company (SMECO), and PEPCO it is imperative and crucial that K-12, collegiate and post graduate studies continue to develop and incorporate curriculums that will support a technical workforce and business community. This requires coordination between the educational systems, the local, state and federal government, and the private sector. It is noted that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission administers a Nuclear Power Educational Program. A consortium of stakeholders should be developed with representatives from community organizations, academia, the private sector and government officials. A proactive approach of developing effective programs must be instituted to help support the unique needs of developing a qualified and capable labor pool.

Training, Communication and Safety

The final area that CCMBA would like to address encompasses training, safety and communications. It is critical that training and safety plans be effectively communicated to the community - which includes Calvert County, Southern MD, and the state of Maryland. Communication of opportunities and timelines prior to, during and after the 3rd Nuclear Reactor's application is approved or denied must be established in order to be prepared and proactive to the requirements needed to support the development of energy resources.

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Dear Sir/Madam:

The Calvert County Minority Business Alliance (CCMBA), its Board of Directors and Officers respectfully submit **the attached** statement regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of the Constellation Energy/ Unistar Combined Operating License Application for a 3rd proposed Nuclear Reactor at Calvert Cliffs located in Calvert County, MD.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 866-517-0477.

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