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Barrow Statement on President Obama's Announcement of the Expansion at Plant Vogtle

Washington, DC – President Barack Obama announced today that the federal government will guarantee loans to build two new nuclear reactors at the Plant Vogtle facility in Waynesboro. The reactors – the first built in the United States in almost 30 years – will be completed in 2016 and 2017.

Congressman Barrow released the following statement:

“I’m very pleased that President Obama has made a commitment to expanding the nuclear facilities at Plant Vogtle. Since coming to Congress I’ve supported the expanded use of nuclear power as part of a comprehensive energy policy. We’ve got the technology, and nuclear power doesn’t emit carbon. But this isn’t just about more energy and less pollution - it's also about jobs. Many families in Georgia are struggling, and this will create good-paying jobs for folks in the CSRA. I applaud President Obama for his commitment to expanding the use of nuclear power in the United States.”

Congressman Barrow is a member of the bipartisan Nuclear Issues Working Group.

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