

## **Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

January 15, 2010

Oglethorpe Power Corporation (An Electric Membership Corporation) 2100 East Exchange Place Tucker, GA 30084-5336 Attention: Betsy Higgins, Chief Financial Officer

Re: United States Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are pleased to provide you with a credit subsidy cost estimate relating to the Vogtle Project.

Based on the Terms and Conditions negotiated between Oglethorpe Power Corporation and the DOE Loan Guarantee Program Office (LGPO), the LGPO has developed a range of credit subsidy cost estimates for the proposed project.

At this time, the LGPO estimate of the Credit Subsidy Cost associated with your requested loan guarantee in the amount of \$3,057,069,461 (including estimated capitalized interest) ranges from \$70M to \$132M. This range reflects the terms as outlined in the Term Sheet, which state that the Guaranteed Loan amount net of deferred DOE interest shall not be greater than \$2,379,268,892. The center of the estimated Credit Subsidy Cost range is \$101M, although the central value is not necessarily an indication of the final estimate. Because of uncertainty, borrowers should plan to raise sufficient capital equal to 95% of the upper bound of the range estimate provided.

This estimate is not binding and may change based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to the completion of the LGPO's due diligence, the final credit rating, the terms of the definitive financing agreements, and other project-specific factors.

This estimate is intended to provide you with information to consider as you move forward in project development activities. In developing this estimate, the LGPO has relied on the best available information at this time. There will usually be differences between preliminary credit subsidy estimates and the final determination of credit subsidy cost. These differences may be material. Therefore, the range estimate provided above is not binding and is subject to change as the LGPO proceeds through the due diligence, documentation and final credit underwriting process.

We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Best Regards,

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Jonathan Silver

Executive Director

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