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Plant Vogtle Ribbon-Cutting: Exceptional Union-Built Clean Energy Project

Washington, D.C. (May 31, 2024) – Brent Booker, General President of LIUNA – the Laborers’ International Union of North America – made the following statement today:

LIUNA is proud to join the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Plant Vogtle today, the first nuclear power plant to come online in the United States in decades.

This remarkable project exemplifies the value of strong union-employer partnerships in large-scale construction. The dedication and collaboration between unions and contractors enabled the plant’s successful completion, achieving outstanding safety metrics and operational excellence despite numerous challenges and setbacks.

Over nine thousand LIUNA members and fellow tradesmen and women worked in partnership with contractors and Southern Company to complete Plant Vogtle over the last decade. The 5 gigawatt Plant is the largest construction project ever undertaken in Georgia and stretches over 3,100 acres along the Savannah River. The project maintained a world-class safety record accruing tens of millions work hours without a single lost-time incident or fatality.

LIUNA members are celebrating the final construction milestone for Plant Vogtle, a model for union-built clean energy projects that will provide carbon-free energy for Georgians for the next 80 years.

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The half-million members of LIUNA – the Laborers’ International Union of North America – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of workers who are proud to build the United States and Canada.