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### **Calvert County, Md., Board of County Commissioners Supports Potential Expansion at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – April 30, 2007** – UniStar Nuclear – a jointly developed enterprise between Constellation Energy (NYSE: CEG) and AREVA NP Inc. – today notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that a location adjacent to Constellation Energy’s existing Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (CCNPP) in Lusby, Md., has been selected as the site for UniStar Nuclear’s first combined construction and operating license (COL) application. The application, which will feature UniStar Nuclear’s chosen technology, the U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (EPR), will serve as the reference document for all future UniStar Nuclear COL applications to the NRC.

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) recognizes the economic impact that a potential new nuclear power plant would have on the County through job creation and tax payments, as well as the importance of nuclear energy in meeting the country’s energy demands. The safety record and emissions-free technology inherent in nuclear energy also make it an attractive industry for the County and thus, the BOCC continues to support the potential expansion at CCNPP in Lusby, Md.

UniStar Nuclear’s April 30 notification to the NRC is just one of many steps in the federal regulatory process required as the company explores the option of constructing and operating a potential fleet of U.S. EPR advanced nuclear power plants in the United States. However, the notification does not represent a commitment by Constellation Energy to build a new power plant at the Calvert Cliffs site.

On August 8, 2006, the BOCC voted unanimously to enter into an agreement to provide 50 percent tax credit incentives for new capital investment, potentially paving the way for a third

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reactor at CCNPP within the next decade. The proposed expansion promises to bring approximately 400 new, permanent jobs to the County in addition to the 800+ jobs currently on site. Other factors guiding the BOCC's decision include Constellation's continued commitment to the community, local organizations and environment, as well as their ongoing charitable activities in Calvert County.

BOCC president Wilson H. Parran said, "Supporting an expansion at Calvert Cliffs is not a difficult decision. Constellation Energy is the County's single largest commercial taxpayer, contributing \$16.2 M in FY 2007, and employs over 800 employees. Their financial impact in this community allows our citizens to enjoy one of the lowest property tax rates in Maryland. In addition, an expanded plant would bring new, high-paying jobs to our County." Parran added, "We understand, however, that the COL application announcement does not necessarily mean Constellation Energy intends to build a third reactor at CCNPP."

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant is owned and operated by Constellation Energy and currently houses two nuclear reactors that came online in 1975 and 1977. The facility, originally designed for four reactors, is the only nuclear facility in Maryland and was the first commercial nuclear plant in the United States to receive re-licensing in 2000. Calvert Cliffs currently generates 1,700 megawatts of electricity each day – enough to power one-third of Maryland's homes and businesses.

For more information on the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development and the many services the County offers the business community, call 410.535.4583, 800.331.9771 or 301.855.1880; e-mail [info@ecalvert.com](mailto:info@ecalvert.com), or visit online at [www.ecalvert.com](http://www.ecalvert.com).

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*Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to over 87,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 4,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism and administrative services.*