

January 24, 2025

Re: Nuclear Power is too costly for Minnesota

Dear Chairs Sen. Andrew Mathews and Sen. Nick A. Frentz, and members of the Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate committee,

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR) respectfully submits the following testimony for your consideration of a repeal of the moratorium on nuclear power in Minnesota, by way of the Associated Press:

<https://apnews.com/article/georgia-nuclear-power-plant-vogtle-rates-costs-75c7a413cda3935dd551be9115e88a64>



Not only is new nuclear power extremely costly, but existing nuclear power has high maintenance costs, as Xcel found out 10 years ago when its Monticello plant retrofit went double the budget

(<https://www.startribune.com/july-12-xcel-board-under-scrutiny-in-monticello-cost-overrun/266833201>) .

Nuclear power is an absurdly expensive power generation source to build new, with gigantic environmental and health risks for failures.

Sincerely,
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