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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this communication finds you and yours well.

It is during this unprecedented time that we need to band together and support not only our families and friends, but our contractors, end-users, and our country – all those who depend on us to be there. It is during the spring outage season that I have witnessed nothing less than this commitment. Thank you.

Southern States Millwright Regional Council members have stood up and shown fortitude through many actions during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the SSMRC nuclear representative, I have never been so honored to be a small part of this organization. You have demonstrated the desire to support our nation's nuclear infrastructure/industry during one of the largest outage seasons since we opened the nuclear-industry office in 2016. I want to personally thank each and every person who has been part of this unselfish work. Many of you left your families for weeks during the peak of this pandemic to support scheduled outages across our 11-state region. I am in awe of your selfless sacrifices.

We need to recognize not only ourselves, but our contractors and owners as well. Only one outage has been postponed. Others have continued, with additional precautions taken by both contractors and owners to protect us from the coronavirus. These precautions have included: making preventative PPE a mandate; providing specific education on how to curtail the virus's spread; providing additional break conexas to keep gatherings to fewer than 10 members; taking temperatures each day as workers arrive; and ensuring crews on each shift disinfect not only the conexas, but items on the turbine deck as well. Those actions need to be recognized, as they illustrate our partners' concern and appreciation for us as workers. As of today (April 9), we have had no reported cases of millwrights contracting COVID-19 on the job.

As I write, three outages remain in our spring season. I am hopeful I will be able to report we had no cases of COVID-19 among our nuclear family.

Again, I am proud of us for what we have accomplished. To all our SSMRC brother and sister millwrights and to those from across the nation who supported us as well – I thank you.

To our contractors and end-users, I thank you for your support and efforts in doing all you can to keep our members, your employees, and your organizations safe and healthy during these challenging times.

God Bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L Bonds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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