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Georgia Power makes progress on Vogtle nuclear plant expansion

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Georgia Power Co. has placed the CA05 module at Vogtle unit 4, the Southern Co. subsidiary said June 28.

The CA05 module is composed of eight reinforced steel plates which are welded together and will be filled with concrete to provide structural support for the containment building. In addition to providing structural support, the protective walls of CA05 will also separate various rooms in containment. The company also recently placed the KBO4 module at the unit, which is designed to process and discharge waste gas.

"The projected overall peak rate impact of the Vogtle nuclear expansion continues to be is significantly less than when the project was originally certified due to lower financing rates, other benefits the company has proactively pursued and the fuel savings of nuclear," Georgia Power said in a statement.

The company estimates that even with new costs and schedule forecasts the peak rate impact will be approximately 6% to 7%, nearly half of the original rate impact forecast. Of the total, the company is already recovering 4.5% in rates.

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