Construction continued on the one new nuclear plant in the U.S., the twin AP-1000s at Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4, in the state of Georgia. Projected construction costs continued to increase over the last 12 months, and start-up dates were again pushed back. As of June 2022, Vogtle's cost had increased to at least US$30.34 billion,\(^\text{427}\) according to Associated Press calculations.\(^\text{428}\) That figure does not include US$3.68 billion in costs that Westinghouse refunded to the co-owners in 2017,\(^\text{429}\) putting the total cost of the project over US$34 billion—2.4 times the US$14 billion projected cost at the start of construction in 2013. The most recent cost increases and construction delays are due largely to quality assurance problems in the installation of electrical cabling throughout the plant,\(^\text{430}\) as well as administrative errors in failing to complete over 26,000 inspection records.\(^\text{431}\) On 3 August 2022, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) authorized the loading of fuel in Unit 3, with a planned startup date in the first quarter of 2023. Georgia Power estimates the startup of Unit 4 before the end of 2023.

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