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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of March 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Robert F. Kuntz,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-011-ESP; ASLBP No. 07-850-01-ESP-BD01]

**Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel; Before the Licensing Board: G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman, Nicholas G. Trikouros, Dr. James F. Jackson; In the Matter of Southern Nuclear Operating Co. (Early Site Permit for Vogtle ESP Site); Notice of Hearing (Application for Early Site Permit)**

March 28, 2007.

This proceeding concerns the August 15, 2006 application of Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) for a 10 CFR Part 52 early site permit (ESP). The ESP application seeks approval for use of the existing Vogtle Electric Generating Plant site near Waynesboro, Georgia, for the possible construction of two new nuclear reactors. In response to an October 5, 2006 notice of hearing and opportunity to petition for leave to intervene, 71 FR 60,195 (Oct. 12, 2006), on December 11, 2006, the Center for a Sustainable Coast, Savannah Riverkeeper, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Atlanta Women's Action for New Directions, and Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (collectively the Joint Petitioners) filed a timely request for hearing and petition to intervene contesting the SNC ESP application. On December 13, 2006, the Commission referred the petition to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel to conduct any subsequent adjudication. On December 15, 2006, a three-member Atomic Safety and Licensing Board was established to adjudicate this ESP proceeding. See 71 FR 77,071 (Dec. 22, 2006).

On February 13, 2007, the Board conducted a one-day initial prehearing conference in Waynesboro, Georgia, during which it heard oral presentations regarding the standing of the Joint Petitioners and the admissibility of their seven proffered contentions. Thereafter, in a March 12, 2007 issuance, finding that each of the Joint Petitioners had established the requisite standing to intervene in this proceeding and that they had submitted two admissible contentions concerning the SNC ESP application, the Board admitted them as parties to this proceeding. See *Southern Nuclear Operating Co.* (Early Site Permit for Vogtle ESP Site), LBP-07-03, 65 NRC (Mar. 12, 2006).

In light of the foregoing, please take notice that a hearing will be conducted in this proceeding. Subject to any Board determination regarding any request to utilize formal hearing procedures under 10 CFR part 2, Subpart G, see 10 CFR 2.310(d), the hearing on contested matters will be governed by the informal hearing procedures set forth in 10 CFR part 2, subparts C and L, 10 CFR 2.300-2.390, 2.1200-12.1213. Further, in accordance with the October 2006 notice regarding the SNC ESP application, 71 FR at 60,195, and 10 CFR 52.21, in the context of a hearing on uncontested matters, the Licensing Board will:

(1) Consider whether the issuance of an ESP will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public (Safety Issue 1);

(2) Determine whether, taking into consideration the site criteria contained in 10 CFR part 100, a reactor, or reactors, having characteristics that fall within the parameters for the site, can be constructed and operated without undue risk to the health and safety of the public (Safety Issue 2); and

(3) Consider whether, in accordance with the requirements of subpart A of 10 CFR part 51, the ESP should be issued as proposed.

Additionally, in accord with the October 2006 notice, the Board will:

(1) Determine whether the requirements of sections 102(2)(A), (C), and (E) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 10 CFR Part 51, Subpart A, have been complied with in the proceeding;

(2) Independently consider the final balance among conflicting factors contained in the record of proceeding with a view to determining the appropriate action to be taken; and

(3) Determine, after considering reasonable alternatives, whether a license should be issued, denied, or

appropriately conditioned to protect environmental values.

During the course of this proceeding, the Board may conduct an oral argument, as provided in 10 CFR 2.331, may hold additional prehearing conferences pursuant to 10 CFR 2.329, and may conduct evidentiary hearings in accordance with 10 CFR 2.327-2.328, 2.1206-2.1208. The public is invited to attend any oral argument, prehearing conference, or evidentiary hearing. Notices of those sessions will be published in the **Federal Register** and/or made available to the public at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and through the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Additionally, as provided in 10 CFR 2.315(a), any person not a party to the proceeding may submit a written limited appearance statement. Limited appearance statements, which are placed in the docket for the hearing, provide members of the public with an opportunity to make the Board and/or the participants aware of their concerns about matters at issue in the proceeding. A written limited appearance statement can be submitted at any time and should be sent to the Office of the Secretary using one of the methods prescribed below:

*Mail to:* Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

*Fax to:* (301) 415-1101 (verification (301) 415-1966).

*E-mail to:* [hearingdocket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearingdocket@nrc.gov).

In addition, a copy of the limited appearance statement should be sent to the Licensing Board Chairman using the same method at the address below:

*Mail to:* Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

*Fax to:* (301) 415-5599 (verification (301) 415-7550).

*E-mail to:* [gpb@nrc.gov](mailto:gpb@nrc.gov).

At a later date, the Board may entertain oral limited appearance statements at a location, or locations, in the vicinity of the proposed Vogtle ESP site. Notice of any oral limited appearance sessions will be published in the **Federal Register** and/or made available to the public at the NRC PDR and on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Documents relating to this proceeding are available for public inspection at the Commission's PDR or electronically from the publicly available records

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*It is so ordered.*

March 28, 2007.

For The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.\*

**G. Paul Bollwerk, III,**

*Chairman, Rockville, Maryland.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499]

### STP Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its January 31, 2006, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating Licenses numbered NPP-76 and NPP-80, respectively, for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, located in Matagorda County. The proposed amendments would have revised the Technical Specification 3.8.3.1, "Onsite Power Distribution—Operating."

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments published in the **Federal Register** on February 28, 2006 (71 FR 10077). However, by letter dated March 26, 2007, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 31, 2006, and the licensee's letter dated March 26, 2007, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records

\* Copies of this notice of hearing were sent this date by Internet e-mail transmission and the agency's E-Submittal system to counsel for (1) applicant SNC.; (2) the Joint Petitioners; and (3) the NRC staff.

will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of March 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Mohan C. Thadani,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on April 19-20, 2007, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland in Room T-2B3.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of portions that may be closed to discuss General Electric proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Thursday, April 19, 2007—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

*Friday, April 20, 2007—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The Subcommittee will review the staff evaluation of the MELLLA+, GE Methods, and GE DSS-CD Topical Reports. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Ralph Caruso (Telephone: 301-415-8065) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET). Persons

planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: March 27, 2007.

**Cayetano Santos,**

*Acting Branch Chief, ACRS.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. R2006-1; Order No. 8]

### Reconsideration of Rate Recommendations

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and order.

**SUMMARY:** This document addresses several procedural and legal matters related to the Postal Service Governors' request for reconsideration of three aspects of the Commission's recent rate recommendations in Docket No. R2006-1. The recommendations in issue involve the Priority Mail Flat Rate Box, the nonmachinable surcharge for First-Class Mail letters, and Standard Mail flats (including catalogs). The document discusses the procedures the Commission adopts to effectuate reconsideration and identifies several key deadlines. Issuance of this document provides rate case participants and the public with information on the Commission's intended course of action in terms of procedural steps and informs them of their rights and responsibilities.

#### **DATES:**

1. April 4, 2007: Deadline for filing motions to reopen the record.
2. April 11, 2007: Deadline for replies to motions to reopen the record.
3. April 12, 2007: Deadline for filing initial comments.
4. April 19, 2007: Deadline for filing reply comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 and [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Regulatory History**

71 FR 27436 (May 11, 2006)

On March 19, 2007, the Governors of the United States Postal Service issued a decision approving the Commission's