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NRC ACCEPTS APPLICATION FOR NEW REACTORS AT VICTORIA COUNTY SITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has docketed, or accepted for review, a combined license (COL) application for two new reactors at the Victoria County site near Victoria City, Texas. Exelon's application, submitted Sept. 3, is the 11th COL request the agency has accepted for review.

The application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site here: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/victoria.html>. Exelon seeks approval to build and operate two Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactors (ESBWR) at the site, approximately 13 miles south of Victoria.

The NRC currently is reviewing the ESBWR design for possible certification. The staff will consider any findings concerning the design during the review of the Victoria County application. Information on the ESBWR application is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/design-cert/esbwr.html>.

Docketing the Victoria County application does not indicate whether the Commission will approve or reject the request. The docket number established for this application is 52-031 and 52-032. The NRC will shortly issue in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to participate, or "intervene," in a hearing on the application. Petitions to intervene in a hearing may be filed within 60 days of the notice, by anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed license and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding.

Information about the new reactor licensing process is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors.html>.

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