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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING ON APPLICATION TO RENEW OPERATING LICENSES FOR BRUNSWICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application to renew the operating licenses for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2.

The Brunswick units are boiling water nuclear reactors, located near Southport, N.C. Carolina Power & Light Co., now doing business as Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., submitted the renewal application Oct. 20. The current operating licenses for Units 1 and 2 expire on Sept 8, 2016, and Dec. 27, 2014, respectively.

The NRC staff has determined that the application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally "docket," or file, the application and begin its technical review. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the review proceeds; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will grant the application.

The deadline for requesting a hearing is 60 days following publication of a notice in the *Federal Register*, expected shortly. By that date, petitions must be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding.

A request for hearing and a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. They may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 415-1101 or e-mail to HEARINGDOCKET@nrc.gov. A copy should also be submitted to the NRC Office of General Counsel, by facsimile to (301) 415-3725 or e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov.

Information about the license renewal process can be found on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>. The Brunswick renewal application is online at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/brunswick.html>.

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