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LEE APPLICATION FOR NEW REACTORS AVAILABLE ON NRC WEBSITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today made available the public version of a combined license (COL) application for two new reactors at the Lee site in Cherokee County, S.C.

The applicant, Duke Energy, submitted the application and associated information Dec. 13. The application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html>.

Duke's COL application seeks approval to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site, approximately 35 miles southwest of Charlotte, N.C. The AP1000 is a 1,100 megawatt electric pressurized-water reactor design the NRC certified in 2006.

The NRC staff is currently conducting an initial check of the application to determine whether it contains sufficient information required for a formal review. If the application passes the initial check, the NRC will "docket," or accept it for review; this decision is expected early next year. If the application is accepted for formal review, the NRC will then notice an opportunity for the public to request an adjudicatory hearing on the application.

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