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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING ON NEW REACTOR APPLICATION FOR LEE SITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the opportunity to participate in the hearing on a Combined License (COL) application for two new reactors at the Lee site near Gaffney, S.C.

Duke Energy submitted the COL application and associated information Dec. 12, 2007. The application (minus proprietary or security-related details), is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/lee.html>. Duke seeks approval to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site, approximately 35 miles southwest of Charlotte, N.C. The AP1000 is a Westinghouse 1,100 megawatt electric pressurized-water reactor the NRC certified as a standardized design in 2006. The NRC accepted Westinghouse's application to amend the AP1000 design in January.

On Feb. 25, the NRC staff determined that the Lee 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 additional requests for information as the review proceeds; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will issue the license. The docket numbers established for this application are 52-018 and 52-019.

The NRC staff provided background information on the licensing and hearing process during an August 2007 public meeting held in Gaffney.

The NRC has published in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to intervene. The deadline for petitioning to intervene is June 27. Petitions may be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed license, who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding, and who meets criteria set out in the NRC's regulations.

A petition to intervene must be electronically submitted in a timely manner to the NRC's Electronic Information Exchange (EIE) system. The petition to intervene must be filed in accordance with the NRC's E-Filing Rule that appeared in the *Federal Register* on

Aug. 28, 2007. Additional guidance and instructions regarding electronic submissions to the NRC EIE system is available on the NRC web pages at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html> .

In addition to Lee, the NRC is currently reviewing COL applications for the South Texas Project site in Texas, the North Anna site in Virginia, the Bellefonte site in Alabama, the Calvert Cliffs site in Maryland, the Harris site in North Carolina and the Grand Gulf site in Mississippi. An acceptance review is also underway on a COL application for the Vogtle site in Georgia, and the staff will soon start an acceptance review for a COL application for the Summer site in South Carolina. Detailed information about the new reactor licensing process can be found on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactor-licensing.html> .

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