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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING ON NEW REACTOR APPLICATION FOR COMANCHE PEAK SITE IN TEXAS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the opportunity to participate in a hearing on a Combined License (COL) application for two new nuclear reactors at the Comanche Peak site near Glen Rose, Texas.

Luminant Generation submitted the COL application and associated information Sept. 19, 2008, and updated the application in November and December 2008. Luminant seeks approval to build and operate two U.S. Advanced Pressurized Water Reactors (US-APWR) at the site, about four miles north of Glen Rose. The NRC is currently reviewing the US-APWR for possible certification. The Comanche Peak application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/comanche-peak.html>.

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 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 52-034 and 52-035.

The NRC has issued in the *Federal Register* (<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-2455.pdf>) a notice of opportunity to intervene in the proceeding on the application, and the deadline for requesting a hearing is April 6. 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. Background information regarding the hearing process was provided by NRC staff to members of the public during a January public meeting in Glen Rose.

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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