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NRC TO DISCUSS PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct two public meetings on Feb. 9, to discuss the agency's review process for the license renewal application for the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, located near San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo. The first session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second session, which will offer the same presentations as the earlier one, will get under way at 7 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m., as needed.

Both meetings will begin with NRC staff presentations on how the license renewal review will be conducted. Following the presentations, attendees will be able to ask questions of the staff.

The NRC will host an open house beginning one hour before each meeting during which people can talk informally with agency staff.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant has a term of 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met.

The plant is located in Avila Beach, 12 miles from San Luis Obispo, Calif. The current operating licenses for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2 expire on Nov. 2, 2024, and Aug. 26, 2025, respectively. The licensee, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., submitted the renewal application on Nov. 23, 2009, for Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2. The application is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html>.

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