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ASLB TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS DEC. 5 IN ROCKVILLE, MD., ON REQUEST FOR HEARING ON SAN ONOFRE LICENSE AMENDMENTS

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) will hear oral arguments Dec. 5 on a challenge filed by Citizens Oversight to certain license amendments that Southern California Edison has requested concerning the San Onofre reactors in California. The Board is a quasi-judicial panel of three judges who are independent of the Commissioners and of the NRC staff. If the Board finds that Citizens Oversight's hearing request meets the necessary legal criteria, then it will schedule such a hearing at a later date.

Citizens Oversight filed a petition Oct. 17, requesting a hearing after Southern California Edison filed a request to amend the plant's license. The amendment would alter some of the technical specifications under which San Onofre's two reactors must operate. The oral argument will deal solely with Citizens Oversight's request for hearing. A different set of ASLB judges, at a date yet to be determined, will deal with a separate hearing request from Friends of the Earth filed in June 2012.

The oral argument on the Citizens Oversight hearing request will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Dec. 5, in the ASLB Hearing Room T3-B-45 in the NRC's White Flint complex, 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. Only the designated representatives for Citizens Oversight, the NRC staff and Southern California Edison will be allowed to participate. The public and media are welcome to attend and observe the proceeding in person in the Rockville hearing room. Signs, banners, posters or other displays are not permitted in the hearing room. Those planning to attend should allow enough time for security screening before the session's scheduled start time.

The public may also watch the oral argument via Internet [webstreaming](#). The webstream will be available for viewing for up to 90 days after the argument. The public can view copies of the pleadings in this proceeding, as well as the eventual transcript of the oral argument, through the NRC's [Electronic Hearing Docket](#), in the folder entitled "San Onofre 50-361&50-362-LA."

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