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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING ON LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing the opportunity to request a hearing on an application to renew the operating license for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Station for an additional 20 years.

The FitzPatrick nuclear plant is a boiling water reactor located eight miles northeast of Oswego, N.Y. Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., submitted the renewal application Aug. 1. The current operating license for FitzPatrick expires Oct. 17, 2014.

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 requesting additional information as the review proceeds; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will grant the application.

A notice of opportunity to request a hearing was published today in the *Federal Register*. The deadline for requesting a hearing is Nov. 20. Petitions may be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding.

NRC staff will conduct a public meeting Oct. 12 in the vicinity of the plant to discuss the license renewal process and the scope of the agency’s environmental review for the license renewal application. More information about that meeting is contained in today’s *Federal Register* notice, and an additional announcement will be made closer to the date.

A request for hearing and a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Requests may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 415-1101 or e-mail to HEARINGDOCKET@nrc.gov. A copy should also be submitted to the NRC Office of General Counsel, by facsimile to (301) 415-3725 or e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov.

Information about the license renewal process can be found on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>. The FitzPatrick renewal application is online at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/fitzpatrick.html>. An NRC review schedule for the FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Station will also be posted on the NRC Web

site which will identify the deadline for requesting a hearing.

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