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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON HATCH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the opportunity to request an evidentiary hearing on a request for renewal of the operating licenses for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2. The facility is operated by Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., and is located near Baxley, Georgia.

Southern Nuclear is seeking a 20-year extension of the current Hatch licenses, which expire on August 6, 2014, for Unit 1, and June 13, 2018, for Unit 2. The NRC staff has begun reviewing both safety and environmental aspects of the application, which was received on March 1, 2000.

The deadline for hearing requests is 30 days after the Federal Register notice is published. By that time, petitions must be filed by anyone whose interest might be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party to the proceeding.

Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. They may also be delivered to the NRC Public Document Room at 2120 L Street N.W. in Washington, D.C. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, and to H.L. Sumner, Vice President -- Hatch Project, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., 40 Inverness Center Parkway, P.O. Box 1295, Birmingham, AL 35201-1295.

More information about the opportunity for hearing may be found in a Federal Register notice published on April 3.