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ATOMIC SAFETY & LICENSING BOARD TO CONTINUE HEARING JUNE 11 IN CHATTANOOGA ON TVA APPEAL OF NRC DISCRIMINATION RULING

A hearing before an independent Atomic Safety & Licensing Board, appointed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to hear a Tennessee Valley Authority appeal of a \$110,000 civil penalty sought to be imposed by the NRC for alleged violation of NRC employee protection requirements, will resume on June 11 in Chattanooga.

The hearing, which commenced April 23, will resume at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) on June 11 in the Chickamauga Room at the Radisson Read House Hotel, located at 827 Broad Street.

Parties to the proceeding are TVA and the NRC staff. The Board is considering whether TVA violated NRC requirements by discriminating against a former employee for engaging in protected activities; and, if so, whether an NRC Order imposing a civil monetary penalty for the violations should be sustained.

Members of the Atomic Safety & Licensing Board presiding over the hearing are administrative judges Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman, Ann Marshall Young and Dr. Richard F. Cole.

The hearing is open to observation by interested members of the public.

Documents related to this proceeding issued prior to December 1, 1999, are available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20852-2738, telephone (301) 415-4737 or 1-800-397-4209. Documents issued subsequent to November 1, 1999, are available through the PDR and electronically through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible to the public through NRC's internet web site at www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html. Help in using ADAMS is available by calling the PDR at the above telephone numbers.

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EDITORS: The continuation of this proceeding will be conducted in a private, public building, and cameras, microphones and video recording devices will be allowed so long as they do not disrupt the proceeding.