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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING ON NEW REACTOR APPLICATION FOR NORTH ANNA SITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the opportunity to participate in the hearing on a Combined License (COL) application for a new reactor at the North Anna site in central Virginia.

Dominion Virginia Power submitted its application Nov. 27, 2007, seeking a license to build and operate an Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) at the site, approximately 40 miles northwest of Richmond. The application (minus proprietary or security-related details), is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/north-anna.html>.

On Jan. 28, the NRC staff 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 additional requests for information as the review proceeds; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will issue the license. The docket number established for this application is 52-017.

The NRC will shortly issue in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to intervene in the proceeding on the application. The deadline for petitioning to intervene is 60 days after publication of the notice. Petitions may be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed license, who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding, and who meets the criteria set out in the NRC’s regulations (10 CFR Part 2). NRC staff provided background information regarding the hearing process during an October 2007 public meeting held in Mineral, Va.

A petition to intervene must be electronically submitted in a timely manner to the NRC’s Electronic Information Exchange (EIE) system. The petition to intervene must be filed in accordance with the NRC’s E-Filing Rule that appeared in the *Federal Register* on

Aug. 28, 2007. Additional guidance and instructions regarding electronic submissions to the NRC EIE system is available on the NRC web pages at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html> .

In addition to the North Anna application, the NRC is currently reviewing COL applications for the South Texas Project site in Texas, the Bellefonte site in Alabama, the Lee site in South Carolina, and a partial application for the Calvert Cliffs site in Maryland. The NRC is currently conducting an acceptance review for a COL application for the Shearon Harris site in North Carolina. Information about the new reactor licensing process can be found on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactor-licensing.html> .

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