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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING ON NEW REACTOR APPLICATION FOR SHEARON HARRIS 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 Shearon Harris site in central North Carolina.

Progress Energy submitted its application Feb. 19, seeking a license to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site, approximately 20 miles southwest of Raleigh. The application (minus proprietary or security-related details), is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/harris.html>.

On April 17, 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 numbers established for this application are 52-022 and 52-023.

The NRC has published in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to intervene in the proceeding on the application. The deadline for petitioning to intervene is Aug. 4. 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 a Sept. 2007 public meeting held in Apex, N.C.

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 Harris, the NRC is reviewing COL applications for the South Texas Project site in Texas, the North Anna site in Virginia, the Bellefonte site in Alabama, the Calvert Cliffs site in Maryland, the Grand Gulf site in Mississippi and the Lee site in South Carolina. Detailed 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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