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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING ON NEW REACTOR APPLICATION FOR LEVY COUNTY SITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the opportunity to participate in the hearing on a Combined License (COL) application for two new reactors at the Levy County site near Crystal River, Fla.

Progress Energy submitted the application and associated information on July 30. The application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/levy.html>. Progress seeks approval to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site, approximately 10 miles northeast of Crystal River. The AP1000 is a Westinghouse 1,100 megawatt electric pressurized-water reactor design the NRC certified in 2006. The agency is currently reviewing a Westinghouse application, submitted in May 2007, to amend the certified design. Progress also seeks a Limited Work Authorization to conduct activities such as preparing building foundation areas and installing rebar prior to a COL being issued.

On Oct. 6, the NRC staff determined that the Levy County 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 approve the license. The docket numbers established for this application are 52-029 and 52-030.

The NRC staff provided background information on the licensing and hearing process during a June public meeting held in Crystal River.

The NRC has published in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to intervene. The deadline for petitioning to intervene is Feb. 6, 2009. 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 criteria set out in the NRC’s regulations.

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>.

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