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NRC EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD TO APRIL 6 ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES FOR SUMMER NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is now accepting comment until April 6 regarding environmental issues the agency should consider in reviewing a Combined License application for two new reactors proposed for the Summer site near Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina Electric & Gas and Santee Cooper submitted the application March 27, 2008, seeking permission to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the Summer site. The application's environmental report is available on the agency's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/summer.html>. Copies of the report are also available at the Fairfield County Library, 300 Washington St. in Winnsboro.

NRC staff held meetings near the site to gather public comment in late January, with a public comment period set to expire March 6. Local officials requested an extension to the scoping process earlier this month. The NRC will now consider comments on the scope of the environmental review submitted no later than April 6. Comments may be mailed to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or sent by e-mail at Summer.COLEIS@nrc.gov.

A notice of the extension will be published shortly in the *Federal Register*.

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