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LICENSING BOARD TO HOLD TELECONFERENCE ORAL ARGUMENT JUNE 27 ON SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT REACTOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) will hear oral argument on June 27, via teleconference, on a request to participate in the South Texas Project operating reactor license renewal proceeding. The ASLB is the independent body within the NRC that presides over hearings where the public can challenge proposed licensing and enforcement actions.

Oral arguments will begin at 10 a.m. EDT on Monday, June 27, and the Board expects the session will conclude by noon. The session is open for public observation, but participation will be limited to the parties in the proceeding (the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development [SEED] Coalition, the applicant – South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company [STPNOC] – and NRC staff). Members of the public interested in listening to the oral arguments should contact ASLB staffer Jonathan Eser (301-415-5880 or jonathan.eser@nrc.gov) for the telephone number and passcode.

STPNOC submitted an application Oct. 28, 2010, to renew the licenses for both South Texas Project reactors near Bay City, Texas. The NRC's environmental and safety evaluations of the application are underway. The current license for South Texas Project Unit 1 expires Aug. 20, 2027, and the license for Unit 2 expires Dec. 15, 2028. Documents related to the South Texas Project license renewal application are available on the NRC [website](http://www.nrc.gov).

The ASLB is considering the SEED Coalition's petition to intervene in the proceeding, including the group's objections, or contentions, against STPNOC's application. The ASLB will hear oral argument on several aspects of the petition. Documents pertaining to the ASLB proceeding are available in the agency's [electronic hearing docket](http://www.nrc.gov). More information about the ASLB is available on the NRC [website](http://www.nrc.gov).

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