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NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Oral Argument on Point Beach Subsequent License Renewal

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will conduct an oral argument via WebEx on June 22 regarding a petition to hold an adjudicatory hearing concerning NextEra Energy's application to renew the operating licenses of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2, near Manitowoc, Wisconsin, for an additional 20 years.

The oral argument will begin at 10 a.m., Eastern time, and will address four proposed contentions from petitioner Physicians for Social Responsibility Wisconsin, as well as a motion to amend the group's proposed Contention 2. The three administrative judges on the Board will hear argument from representatives for the petitioner, NextEra, and the NRC staff.

The public will have listen-only access to the oral argument; those interested in calling in should contact the Board's law clerk, Ian Curry, at Ian.Curry@nrc.gov, for the teleconference information. The Board is composed of three administrative judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Boards conduct adjudicatory hearings on major licensing actions by the NRC, and they are independent of the NRC staff. A Board's rulings may be appealed to the Commission, the five-member body that sets NRC policy.