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ORAL COMMENTS TO BE ACCEPTED IN RALEIGH ON JULY 17 REGARDING PROCEEDINGS ON HARRIS NUCLEAR PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

Interested citizens can comment on TUESDAY, July 17, on matters of concern related to an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) proceeding regarding the license renewal application for Unit 1 of the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant. The plant, operated by Progress Energy (Carolina Power & Light Company) at New Hill, N.C. is about 23 miles southwest of Raleigh.

Known as "limited appearance statements," oral comments will be accepted from interested persons at a session to be held from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. on July 17 at the Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel & Conference Center, located at 1707 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh. Members of the public will be permitted to make short oral statements of approximately five minutes or less of their positions on matters of concern relating to this proceeding. Although these statements do not constitute testimony or evidence in the proceeding, they nonetheless may assist the Board and/or the parties to the proceeding in their consideration of the issues.

The limited appearance session will follow a session in which lawyers for the parties will make oral argument on legal issues relating to the proposed license renewal filed by two public interest groups, the North Carolina Waste Awareness and Reduction Network (NCWARN) and Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS). The public is welcome to attend and observe this oral argument session, which begins at 10:00 A.M. and ends at 5:00 p.m. in the same location.

Persons wishing to make an oral statement who have submitted a timely written request and who are present when their names are called will be given priority over those who have not filed such a request. To be considered timely, a written request to make an oral statement must be mailed, faxed or sent by e-mail so as to be received by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 13, 2007.

Written requests to make an oral statement should be submitted to: Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Fax requests should be sent to (301) 415-1101 and may be verified at (301)415-1966. E-mail requests should be sent to hearingdocket@nrc.gov. In addition, using the same method of service, a copy of the written request to make an oral statement must be sent to the Chair of this Licensing Board as follows: Mail: Administrative Judge Ann Marshall Young, c/o Debra Wolf, Esq.,

Law Clerk, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board panel, Mail Stop T-3 F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; Fax: (301)415-5519 with verification at (301)415-6094; and E-mail at daw1@nrc.gov .

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A written limited appearance statement may be submitted to the Board regarding this proceeding at any time, either in lieu of, or in addition to, any oral statement. Such statements should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, using the methods prescribed above, with a copy to the Licensing Board Chair.

This proceeding involves the application of Progress Energy (Carolina Power & Light Company) to renew the operating license for the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant, Unit 1, for an additional 20-year period, commencing in 2026. In response to a March 20, 2007, NRC notice of opportunity for a hearing, NCWARN and NIRS filed on May 18 a request for a hearing and a petition to intervene. On May 31, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) was established to preside over the proceeding.

Interested members of the public may obtain updated or revised scheduling information regarding the limited appearance session on the NRC public website at www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm Or by calling 1-800-368-5642 or 301-368-5036 or 301-415-5036.

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NOTE: Persons who plan to attend either the oral argument or the limited appearance session are advised that security measures may be employed at the entrance of the facility, including searches of hand-carried items such as briefcases, backpacks, packages, etc. In addition, for the limited appearance session only, signs no larger than 18" by 18" will be permitted, but they may not be waved, attached to sticks, held up or moved about in the room. No signs will be permitted in the oral argument session.