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SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT APPLICATION FOR NEW REACTORS AVAILABLE ON NRC WEBSITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today made available the public version of a combined license (COL) application for two new reactors at the South Texas Project site near Bay City, Texas.

The applicants, NRG Energy and South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company, submitted the application and associated information Sept. 24. The application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site here: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html> .

NRG's COL application seeks approval to build and operate two Advanced Boiling Water Reactors (ABWR) at the site, approximately 12 miles southwest of Bay City. The ABWR is a 1,300 MWe design the NRC certified in 1997, and is currently in use overseas.

The NRC staff is currently conducting an initial check of the application to determine whether it contains sufficient information required for a formal review. If the application passes the initial check, the NRC will "docket," or accept it for review; this decision is expected in December. If the application is accepted, the NRC will then notice an opportunity for the public to request an adjudicatory hearing on the application.

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