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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 18 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED LICENSE TRANSFER AND DECOMMISSIONING OF ZION PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting June 18 in Zion, Ill., to discuss a proposed license transfer and draft decommissioning plan for the Zion Nuclear Power Station, located on the west shore of Lake Michigan about 40 miles north of Chicago.

The meeting will be held from 7-10 p.m. at the Illinois Beach Resort and Conference Center, One Lake Front Drive, in Zion. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the proposed license transfer and decommissioning plan.

The current licensee, Exelon Generating Co. LLC, submitted a request Jan. 25 to transfer the licensed ownership, management authorities and decommissioning trust fund for the facility to ZionSolutions LLC, a subsidiary of EnergySolutions LLC. ZionSolutions was formed for the purpose of decommissioning the Zion site.

Under the proposed license transfer, Exelon will retain ownership of the real estate and the spent nuclear fuel. ZionSolutions will construct a dry cask storage facility and transfer the spent fuel from the current spent fuel pool to dry cask as part of the decommissioning. Following decommissioning, currently scheduled for 10 years, the license for the spent fuel will be transferred back to Exelon.

ZionSolutions submitted to NRC a revised decommissioning plan, known formally as a Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report, on March 18. The report outlines ZionSolutions' plan for decommissioning the plant if the application for license transfer is approved, including a schedule and cost estimates, and an assessment of environmental impacts. The Zion plant's two reactors permanently ceased operation in February 1998, and all fuel was removed from the reactors and placed in the spent fuel pool.

The application for license transfer and the draft decommissioning report are available through the NRC's Adams document system at this address, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>, using accession numbers ML080310521 for the license transfer request and ML080840398 for the decommissioning plan.

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