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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING ON NEW REACTOR APPLICATION FOR GRAND GULF SITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the opportunity to participate in the hearing on a Combined License (COL) application for a new reactor at the Grand Gulf site in central Mississippi.

Entergy Operations submitted its application Feb. 27, seeking a license to build and operate an Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) at the site, approximately 25 miles south of Vicksburg. The application (minus proprietary or security-related details), is available on the NRC Web site at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/grand-gulf.html>.

On April 17, the NRC staff determined that the application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally “docket,” or file, the application and begin its technical review. Docketing the application does not preclude additional requests for information as the review proceeds; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will issue the license. The docket number established for this application is 52-024.

The NRC will issue shortly in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to intervene in the proceeding on the application. The deadline for petitioning to intervene is 60 days after publication of the notice. Petitions may be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed license, who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding, and who meets the criteria set out in the NRC’s regulations (10 CFR Part 2). NRC staff provided background information regarding the hearing process during a February public meeting held in Port Gibson, Miss.

A petition to intervene must be electronically submitted in a timely manner to the NRC’s Electronic Information Exchange (EIE) system. The petition to intervene must be filed in accordance with the NRC’s E-Filing Rule that appeared in the *Federal Register* on

Aug. 28, 2007. Additional guidance and instructions regarding electronic submissions to the NRC EIE system is available on the NRC web pages at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>.

In addition to Grand Gulf, the NRC is reviewing COL applications for the South Texas Project site in Texas, the North Anna site in Virginia, the Bellefonte site in Alabama, the Calvert Cliffs site in Maryland, the Harris site in North Carolina and the Lee site in South Carolina. Detailed information about the new reactor licensing process can be found on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactor-licensing.html>.

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