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NRC MEETING AUG. 7 IN VICTORIA, TEXAS, TO DISCUSS REVIEW PROCESS FOR EXPECTED NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct a public meeting in Victoria, Texas, on Thursday, Aug. 7, to discuss how the agency will review an expected Combined License (COL) application for two reactors at the Victoria County site, about 13 miles south of Victoria. The prospective applicant, Exelon, has told the NRC it intends to apply later this year for a license to build and operate two Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactors (ESBWR) at the site.

“We want the people in and around Victoria to understand what’s being proposed and how we’ll review the application,” said David Matthews, Director of the Division of New Reactor Licensing in the NRC’s Office of New Reactors. “Since the proposed site has no existing operating nuclear power plant, we’ll be looking to residents in the area for valuable information we need during our reviews.”

The NRC will hold the meeting in the Dome Room of the Victoria Community Center, 2905 E North St. in Victoria, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. NRC staff presentations will describe the overall COL review process, which includes safety and environmental assessments, as well as how the public can participate in the process. The NRC will host an open house for an hour prior to the meeting so members of the public have the opportunity to talk informally with agency staff.

A COL, if issued, provides NRC authorization to construct and, with conditions, operate a nuclear power plant at a specific site in accordance with laws and regulations. More information on the NRC’s new reactor licensing process is available on the agency’s Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactor-licensing.html>.

The ESBWR is a 1,500 MWe design currently under NRC review for possible certification; more information is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/design-cert/esbwr.html>.

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