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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST HEARING ON LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR COOPER NUCLEAR STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application to renew the operating license for the Cooper Nuclear Station for an additional 20 years.

Cooper is a boiling water reactor located 23 miles south of Nebraska City, Neb. The plant owner, Nebraska Public Power District, submitted the renewal application Sept. 30. The current operating license for Cooper expires Jan. 18, 2014.

The NRC staff has determined that the application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally “docket,” or file, the application and begin its safety and environmental reviews. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the reviews proceed, nor does it indicate whether the Commission will renew the license.

A notice of opportunity to request a hearing has been published in the *Federal Register*, and the deadline for requesting a hearing is March 2, 2009. Petitions may be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. A request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene must be filed through the NRC’s E-Filing system. Anyone wishing to file should contact the Office of the Secretary by e-mail at HEARINGDOCKET@nrc.gov at least five days before the filing deadline to request a digital ID certificate and allow for the creation of an electronic docket. More information on the hearing process is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing.html>.

The Cooper renewal application is posted on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/cooper.html>. A schedule for reviewing the application will be posted soon. License renewal reviews typically take 22 months with no hearing, or 30 months if a hearing is granted.

Information about the license renewal process can be found on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

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