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News Release Updated with new date/time/format NRC Announces Hearing Opportunity for Comanche Peak License Renewal; Public Meetings in January 2023 to Discuss Environmental Review

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the opportunity to request a hearing regarding an application to renew the operating licenses of the Comanche Peak Nuclear Generating Station near Glen Rose, Texas. The agency also has begun work on an environmental impact statement for the license renewal, and announced public meetings to be held Jan. 17, 2023.

Comanche Peak Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, are pressurized-water reactors located approximately 40 miles southwest of Fort Worth, Texas. Unit 1 is currently licensed to operate through Feb. 8, 2030, for Unit 2 through Feb. 2, 2033.

The operator, Vistra Operations Company, submitted the application Oct. 3 to extend the licenses for an additional 20 years. The NRC staff has determined the application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally docket the application and begin its safety and environmental reviews. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the reviews proceed, and it does not indicate whether the NRC will renew the license.

The hearing opportunity was announced today in the Federal Register, and includes instructions for filing petitions to intervene. The deadline for filing hearing petitions is January 30.

NRC staff members will conduct a virtual public meeting Jan. 17 from 1-3 p.m. Central Time, to describe the environmental review process and accept comments from the public about the potential scope of that review. The scoping meeting, announced in a separate Federal Register notice, is one method for filing comments on the environmental review before the Jan. 30 deadline. Comments can also be submitted via regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC-2022-0183, via email to ComanchePeakEIS@nrc.gov, or via U.S. mail to Office of Administration, Mail Stop TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

The Comanche Peak license renewal application is available on the NRC website, and at the Somervell County Library, 108 Allen Drive in Glen Rose; and Hood County Library, 222 N. Travis St. in Granbury, Texas.