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NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Oral Argument on Oconee Subsequent License Renewal

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will conduct an oral argument June 24 on an adjudicatory hearing petition concerning Duke Energy Carolina's request for an additional 20 years of operation for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3. The plant is in Seneca, South Carolina.

The oral argument will begin at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time. It will allow the Board to ask questions regarding challenges from petitioners Beyond Nuclear and the Sierra Club to the NRC staff's draft environmental impact statement for the Oconee subsequent license renewal. The three administrative judges on the Board will hear argument from representatives for the petitioners, Duke Energy, and the NRC staff.

The proceeding will be in the ASLB's Hearing Room at NRC headquarters. It will be open for observation in person and via a listen-only telephone line. Those who want to attend in person should use the NRC's main entrance at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Maryland, and should arrive by 1 p.m. Eastern time to allow for security screening and escort to the hearing room before the oral argument begins. Visitors must provide a valid government-issued photo ID during the screening process. Signs, banners, displays or other demonstration materials are prohibited in the Hearing Room.

The public may listen to the oral argument by dialing 301-576-2978 and entering passcode 974 482 132 #. For additional information, contact Sara Culler at Sara.Culler@nrc.gov or 240-605-7737.

The Board is composed of three administrative judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Boards conduct adjudicatory hearings on NRC licensing and enforcement actions, and they are independent of the NRC staff. A Board's rulings may be appealed to the Commission, the five-member body that sets NRC policy.