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NRC Announces Opportunity to Request a Hearing on the Hatch Subsequent License Renewal Application

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced an opportunity for the public to request a hearing on an application for 20 additional years of operation for the two boiling-water reactors at the Edwin I. Hatch nuclear power plant in Baxley, Georgia.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company Inc. filed the <u>application</u> on May 15, seeking to extend the length of the two reactor licenses from 60 to 80 years. Unit 1 is currently licensed to operate through Aug. 6, 2034; Unit 2 is currently licensed to operate through June 13, 2038.

The NRC staff has determined that the subsequent license renewal application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally docket the application and begin its safety and environmental reviews. Docketing the application is not an indication of whether the NRC will renew the licenses.

The <u>notice</u> in today's Federal Register includes instructions for filing hearing requests. The filing deadline is August 19.

A copy of the Hatch subsequent license renewal application will be available at the Appling County Public Library, 242 E. Parker St. in Baxley. More information about <u>subsequent</u> license renewal is available on the NRC website.