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FIRST PHASE OF NRC HEARING ON \$450,000 FINE IMPOSED
ON FARLEY PLANT SET FOR FEBRUARY 11

The presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board for the Farley nuclear power plant has scheduled the first phase of a two-part evidentiary hearing for February 11 in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission proceeding related to imposition of a \$450,000 civil penalty against Alabama Power Company by the NRC staff. The Farley plant is located near Dothan, AL.

The first phase of the two- to three-week hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the NRC hearing room, Fifth Floor, East-West Towers Building, 4350 East-West Highway. In the first phase of the hearing, each party will present its own direct testimony and have an opportunity to cross-examine witnesses of the opposing party. The hearing's second phase will encompass rebuttal testimony submitted by the NRC staff after the close of the first phase of the hearing. The second phase of the hearing is scheduled to begin on May 18 at the same location.

On August 21, 1990, the NRC staff issued an order imposing the \$450,000 fine on Alabama Power for alleged violations of NRC regulations requiring environmental qualification of electrical equipment important to safety at the Farley plant. In a response, the company requested a hearing on the order.

Members of the Licensing Board are the following Administrative Judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel: G. Paul Bollwerk, III, chairman; Dr. James H. Carpenter and Dr. Peter A. Morris.

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