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NRC LICENSING BOARD SETS VOGTLE HEARING
FOR JANUARY 9 IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has scheduled a continuation of an evidentiary hearing for January 9 in Atlanta, Georgia, involving a request from Georgia Power Company to allow Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., to become the exclusive operator of the two-unit Vogtle nuclear power plant. Vogtle is located 26 miles southeast of Augusta.

The hearing will begin at 1:00 p.m. in Courtrooms 810 and 812 in the Russell Building, 75 Spring Street, N.W. The hearing began on January 4 in Rockville, Maryland.

Allen L. Mosbaugh, an intervenor in the proceeding, alleges that Southern Nuclear does not have the requisite character, competence and integrity to be an NRC licensee.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider whether Georgia Power improperly concealed information from the NRC concerning the way management authority has been exercised over the Vogtle plant.

Both Georgia Power and Southern Nuclear are subsidiaries of Southern Company.

Members of the Licensing Board are the following Administrative Judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel: Peter B. Bloch, Chairman; Dr. James H. Carpenter and Thomas D. Murphy.

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