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NRC LICENSING BOARD SCHEDULES STATUS CONFERENCE
ON VOGTLE NUCLEAR PLANT FOR MAY 3

The presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has scheduled a status conference May 3 in Bethesda, Maryland, in a licensing proceeding concerning a proposed amendment to transfer the operating authority for the two-unit Vogtle Electric Generating Station from Georgia Power Company to Southern Nuclear Operating Company.

The status conference between representatives of parties to the proceeding and the Licensing Board is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room, Fifth Floor, 4350 East-West Highway.

The Licensing Board granted a petition for intervention in the proceeding, filed by Allen L. Mosbaugh, and admitted a single contention for litigation which alleges that Southern Nuclear does not have the requisite character, competence and integrity to be an NRC licensee.

During the conference, parties will be asked to agree on a schedule for completing discovery on issues in the case and to discuss: a) written proposed findings prior to hearing and whether those findings may be used to limit the scope of the hearing; b) negotiations or other forms of alternative dispute resolution concerning stipulations or settlement; c) whether portions of the contested issues may be submitted to the Board as written filings; and d) scheduling a hearing for remaining issues.

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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