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NRC LICENSING BOARD PREHEARING CONFERENCE
ON VOGTLE PLANT SET FOR DECEMBER 9

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has scheduled a prehearing conference December 9 in Rockville, Maryland, on 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 located 26 miles southeast of Augusta.

The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 3B45 at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike.

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 conference is to narrow and define the issues in the proceeding prior to a December 28 evidentiary hearing on one portion of the case. The hearing will consider whether Georgia Power improperly concealed information from the NRC concerning the way management authority has been exercised over the Vogtle plant.

The conference also will consider the parties' arguments about suggested findings and conclusions the intervenor hopes to establish at the hearing.

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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