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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING FOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR NORTH ANNA, SURRY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application for renewal of the operating licenses for the North Anna Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, and the Surry Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. Virginia Electric & Power Company (VEPCO), operator of the four units, submitted the application on May 29.

The deadline for hearing requests is August 27, 30 days after publication of a Federal Register notice on this subject. By that time, petitions must be filed by anyone whose interest might be affected by the license renewals and who wishes to participate as a party to the proceeding.

The North Anna nuclear facility is located 40 miles northwest of Richmond, Virginia, in Louisa County. The current operating licenses expire on April 1, 2018, for Unit 1 and August 21, 2020, for Unit 2.

The Surry nuclear facility is located 17 miles northwest of Newport News, Virginia, in Surry County. The operating license for Unit 1 expires on May 25, 2012, and the license for Unit 2 on January 29, 2013.

VEPCO submitted applications for 20-year extensions to the operating licenses for all four plants on May 29. A notice of receipt was published by NRC in the Federal Register on June 28. The staff has determined that VEPCO has submitted sufficient information for the NRC to formally "docket," or file, the applications.

Petitions for a hearing must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. They may also be delivered to the NRC Public Document Room in Rockville, Maryland. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to David A. Christian, Sr. Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, Virginia electric Power Company, Innsbrook Technical Center, 5000 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, VA 23060-6711. Additional information about the opportunity for hearing may be found in the Federal Register notice.

Copies of the application are available on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/LR/index.html> , and are also available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). Help in using ADAMS is available by contacting the NRC Public Document Room staff at 301/415-4737 or 1/800/397-4209, or by sending a message to pdr@nrc.gov via e-mail. The application is available for public inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room.

In addition, a copy of the license renewal application for the North Anna plant is available at the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia, and a copy of the Surry application at the Swem Library of the College of William and Mary.

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