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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING ON APPLICATION TO RENEW BROWNS FERRY, UNITS 1, 2 AND 3 OPERATING LICENSES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application from the Tennessee Valley Authority to renew the operating licenses for Units 1, 2 and 3 of the Browns Ferry nuclear power plant for an additional 20 years beyond the period specified in the current license.

The Browns Ferry plant is located near Decatur, Alabama, and the current operating licenses for Units 1, 2 and 3 expire on December 20, 2013, June 28, 2014, and July 2, 2016, respectively.

NRC staff have determined that the Tennessee Valley Authority has submitted sufficient information for the agency to formally "docket," or file, the application. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the review proceeds, nor does it indicate whether the Commission will grant or deny the application.

The deadline for requesting participation in the hearing is May 9 (60 days after publication of a *Federal Register* Notice on March 10). By that date, petitions must be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal, and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. A request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. They may also be delivered to the NRC Public Document Room at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Copies of the petition should also be sent to:

-- Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and by fax, 301-415-3725, or e-mail, OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov ;

-- Secretary of the Commission by fax, 301-415-1101, or e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov and

-- Mr. J.A. Scalice, Chief Nuclear Officer and Executive Vice President, Tennessee Valley Authority, 6 A Lookout Place, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801.

Additional information about the opportunity for a hearing may be found in the *Federal Register* Notice. A copy of the license renewal application is available on the NRC web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/browns-ferry.html>. The document is also available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room in Rockville, Maryland, and at the Athens-Limestone Public Library, at 405 E. South Street, Athens, AL 35611.

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