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Before Administrative Judges:

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
Nicholas G. Trikouros
Dr. Richard E. Wardwell

In the Matter of

SYSTEM ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.

(Early Site Permit for Grand Gulf ESP Site)

Docket No. 52-009-ESP

ASLBP No. 04-823-03-ESP

August 4, 2006

ORDER
(Scheduling Site Visit)

The Board hereby schedules a visit to System Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI) proposed Grand Gulf early site permit (ESP) site, to commence at 9:00 AM, Central Daylight Time, Tuesday, August 29, 2006. The purpose of the visit is to allow the Board to view the location and immediate vicinity of the ESP area proposed by SERI. The procedures to be followed during the site visit are as follows.

1. The Board, the NRC Staff, and representatives of the Applicant will meet at the Grand Gulf Energy Services Center at 9:00 AM CDT on Tuesday, August 29, 2006. All participants must wear clothing suitable for an industrial site – i.e. long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and no open-toed shoes.
2. A representative(s) of the Applicant (the “Escort”) will guide the Board and the representatives of the NRC Staff and Applicant on the site visit.
3. Participation in the site visit is limited to the following number of individuals
 - a. Licensing Board: The three judges and two additional persons.
 - b. NRC Staff: One or two counsel and up to two additional persons.
 - c. Applicant: One or two counsel and up to two additional persons (not including the Escort).

4. The names of the specific individuals who will participate in the site visit, and their affiliation, will be provided to the Applicant through their assigned counsel at least one week prior to the site visit. The names will also be provided to the Board and counsel for the NRC Staff via E-mail.
5. On the date of the site visit, all participants must have a government issued photo identification card (e.g., NRC identification badge, state issued motor vehicle operator's license, etc.).
6. After undergoing site security and safety procedures, the Escort will provide the Board and other participants with a short orientation of the site covering the locations of the:
 - a. proposed reactor and construction area;
 - b. existing and proposed cooling towers and make-up water storage basin;
 - c. meteorological tower;
 - d. shoreline and barge slip;
 - e. locations of underground tanks and pipes;
 - f. location of any existing and proposed monitoring wells;
 - g. Hamilton and Gin Lakes;
 - h. existing and proposed intake and discharge locations; and
 - i. the two drainage channels bordering the site.

The Applicant will provide to the Board and the NRC Staff – in advance of the visit – an appropriate map covering the proposed site and the locations indicated above, and will provide any available aerial photographs it thinks will be useful in preparing for the visit.

7. The Escort will guide the Board and the other participants on a walking and vehicular tour of these locations, as a single group, briefly identifying and orienting the Board at each location. The Board members may ask questions relating to site orientation and location (e.g., What is that structure? What direction are we facing now?). No other

substantive questions or presentations will be entertained or allowed during the site visit.

8. Unless otherwise ordered, the site visit will not be recorded or transcribed.
9. If, during or after the conclusion of the site visit, the Applicant or the NRC Staff believes that any information or communication that occurred during the visit should be made part of the record of this proceeding, they may file an appropriate motion to supplement the record. Any such motion must be filed within ten days after the site visit (September 8, 2006).
10. Cameras, video recorders, or any other type of recording device will not be brought on the site visit without the prior written authorization from the Board.

Any objection to the procedures stated above, request for modification or supplementation of these procedures, or to request that the visit be recorded and transcribed, must be filed within ten days of the date of this order and indicate whether the other party agrees to the objection or request.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD¹

/RA/

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
August 4, 2006

¹ Copies of this Order were sent this date by Internet e-mail transmission to counsel for (1) applicant SERI; and (2) the NRC Staff.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB ORDER (SCHEDULING SITE VISIT) have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, or through NRC internal distribution.

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