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## **NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST HEARING ON LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR BEAVER VALLEY NUCLEAR PLANT**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application to renew the operating licenses for the Beaver Valley nuclear power plant, Units 1 and 2, for an additional 20 years.

The Beaver Valley plant has two pressurized water reactors located about 17 miles west of McCandless, Pa. The plant owner, First Energy Nuclear Operating Co., submitted the renewal application Aug. 28. The current operating licenses for Beaver Valley expire Jan. 29, 2016, for Unit 1 and May 27, 2027, for Unit 2.

The NRC staff has determined that the application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally “docket,” or file, the application and begin its technical review. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the review proceeds; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will renew the licenses.

The Beaver Valley application for license renewal is posted on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/bvalley.html>. An NRC review schedule for Beaver Valley will also be posted soon. License renewal reviews typically take 22 months with no hearing, or 30 months with a hearing.

A notice of opportunity to request a hearing was published Oct. 26 in the *Federal Register*. The deadline for requesting a hearing is 60 days after publication of the notice. Petitions may be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. Background information regarding the hearing process was provided by NRC staff to members of the public during a public information session conducted yesterday near Beaver Valley.

A request for 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. Requests may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 415-1101 or e-mail to [HEARINGDOCKET@nrc.gov](mailto:HEARINGDOCKET@nrc.gov). A copy should also be submitted to the NRC Office of General Counsel, by facsimile to (301) 415-3725 or e-mail to [OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov](mailto:OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov).

Information about the license renewal process can be found on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

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