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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARING ON NEW NUCLEAR REACTOR APPLICATION FOR FERMI SITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the opportunity to participate in the hearing on a Combined License (COL) application for a new nuclear reactor at the Fermi site in Michigan.

Detroit Edison submitted its application Sept. 18, 2008, seeking a license to build and operate an Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) at the site, approximately 25 miles northeast of Toledo, Ohio. The application (minus proprietary and security-related details), is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/fermi.html>.

On Nov. 25, 2008, the NRC staff 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 additional requests for information as the review proceeds; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will issue the license. The docket number established for this application is 52-033.

The NRC has issued in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to intervene in the proceeding on the application, and the deadline for requesting a hearing is March 9. Petitions may be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed license, who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding, and who meets the criteria set out in the NRC’s regulations (10 CFR Part 2). NRC staff provided background information regarding the hearing process during an August 2008 outreach meeting held in Monroe, Mich.

A petition to intervene must be electronically submitted in a timely manner to the NRC’s Electronic Information Exchange (EIE) system. The petition to intervene must be filed in accordance with the NRC’s E-Filing Rule that appeared in the *Federal Register* on Aug. 28, 2007. Additional guidance and instructions regarding electronic submissions to the NRC EIE system is available on the NRC Web pages at: <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>.

Detailed information about the new reactor licensing process can be found on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors.html>.

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