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LICENSING BOARD TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENT APRIL 20-21 IN LEVY COUNTY NEW NUCLEAR REACTOR APPLICATION

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) panel will hear oral argument on a request for a hearing in the Levy County Combined License (COL) proceeding on Monday, April 20, and Tuesday, April 21, in Bronson, Fla. The ASLB is the NRC's quasi-judicial arm dealing with licensing matters.

Oral arguments will begin April 20th at 1 p.m. in Courtroom A at the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court, 355 S. Court St. in Bronson. The oral argument will continue on April 21st at 10 a.m. at the same location. The sessions are open for public observation, but participation will be limited to the parties involved in the proceeding. Early arrival is suggested (to allow for security screening) for all members of the public interested in attending. NRC policy prohibits signs, banners, posters or displays in the hearing room.

Although the Board has not scheduled time for oral limited appearances at this point, the public may submit written limited appearance statements regarding the Levy County proceeding to the Board using several methods:

– by mail:

Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff
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with a copy to:

Judge Alex Karlin
Mail Stop T-3E15
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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– via email to hearingdocket@nrc.gov with a copy to the Board (c/o Megan Wright, megan.wright@nrc.gov);

– via fax to the Office of the Secretary at 301-415-1101 (call 301-416-1966 to verify receipt), with a copy to the Board (c/o Megan Wright) at 301-415-5599 (call 301-415-7550 to verify receipt).

Progress Energy Florida submitted a COL application July 28, 2008, to construct and operate two nuclear reactors in Levy County, near Crystal River, Fla. A request to intervene in the proceeding was submitted jointly by the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, the Ecology Party of Florida, and the Green Party of Florida. The ASLB panel will hear oral argument on the admissibility of some of the issues raised in this filing and determine, at a later date, whether a hearing should be granted.

Documents related to the Levy County COL application are available on the NRC web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/levy.html>. Documents pertaining to the ASLB proceeding are available in the agency's electronic document library at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>.

More information about the ASLB can be found at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/organization/aslbfuncdesc.html>.

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