## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Michael M. Gibson, Chairman Dr. Gary S. Arnold Dr. Randall J. Charbeneau

In the Matter of

NUCLEAR INNOVATION NORTH AMERICA LLC

(South Texas Project Units 3 and 4)

Docket Nos. 52-12-COL and 52-13-COL ASLBP No. 09-885-08-COL-BD01

July 7, 2011

#### NOTICE

(Notice of Hearing; Opportunity to Submit Written Limited Appearance Statements; and Notice of Oral Argument)

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hereby gives notice that it will convene an evidentiary hearing to receive testimony and exhibits in the contested portion of this proceeding regarding the application of Nuclear Innovation North America LLC (NINA) for combined licenses that would authorize NINA to construct and operate two new nuclear reactor units on an existing site near Bay City, Texas. In addition, the Board gives notice that, in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(a), it will entertain written limited appearance statements from members of the public in connection with this proceeding. Finally, the Board gives notice that it will hold oral argument on a new contention proposed by Intervenors<sup>1</sup> related to foreign control.

#### A. Matters to be Considered at Evidentiary Hearing

This evidentiary hearing will concern two environmental contentions: one related to estimating replacement power costs in the evaluation of severe accident mitigation design

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Intervenors are the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition, the South Texas Association for Responsible Energy, and Public Citizen.

alternatives, the other related to accounting for energy efficient building code rules in the assessment of a need for power.

B. Date, Time, and Location of Evidentiary Hearing

The Board will conduct this evidentiary hearing beginning at 9:30 a.m., Central Daylight Time (CDT) on Thursday, August 18, 2011, at the Campus of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Building E, Room 201S, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753. The hearing will continue day-to-day until concluded.

Any members of the public who plan to attend the evidentiary hearing are advised that security measures will be employed at the entrance to the facility, including searches of handcarried items such as briefcases or backpacks.

C. Submitting Written Limited Appearance Statements

As provided in 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(a), any person (other than a party or the representative of a party to this proceeding) may submit a written statement setting forth his or her position on matters of concern relating to this proceeding. Although these statements do not constitute testimony or evidence, they nonetheless may help the Board or the parties in their consideration of the issues in this proceeding.

A written limited appearance statement may be submitted at any time and should be sent to the Office of the Secretary using one of the methods prescribed below:

Office of the Secretary Mail:

> Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Fax: (301) 415-1101 (verification (301) 415-1966)

E-mail: hearingdocket@nrc.gov

<sup>2</sup> NINA. NRC Staff and Intervenors will be parties to the hearing and will present witnesses and evidentiary material.

In addition, using the same method of service, a copy of the written limited appearance statement should be sent to the Chairman of this Licensing Board as follows:

Mail: Administrative Judge Michael M. Gibson

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel

Mail Stop T-3 F23

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Fax: (301) 415-5599 (verification (301) 415-7332)

Email: Michael.Gibson@nrc.gov and Jonathan.Eser@nrc.gov

#### D. Notice of Oral Argument

The Board will hold oral argument on Intervenors' newly proffered foreign control contention beginning at 9:30 a.m. CDT on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at the Campus of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Building F, Room 2210, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753. As with hearing attendance, members of the public are welcome to attend oral argument, subject to facility security protocol.

#### E. Availability of Documentary Information Regarding the Proceeding

NINA's application and various Staff documents relating to the application are available on the NRC website at http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/south-texas-project.html.

These and other documents relating to this proceeding are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, MD 20852, or electronically from the publicly available records component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC Public Document Room reference staff by telephone at

 $(800)\ 397\text{-}4209\ or\ (301)\ 415\text{-}4737\ (available\ between\ 8:00\ a.m.\ and\ 4:00\ p.m.,\ Eastern\ Time$ 

(ET), Monday through Friday except federal holidays), or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD /RA/

Michael M. Gibson ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland

July 7, 2011

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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NUCLEAR INNOVATION NORTH AMERICA LLC (NINA)	) Docket Nos. 52-012-COL and 52-013-COL )
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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB NOTICE (NOTICE OF HEARING; OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN LIMITED APPEARANCE STATEMENTS; AND NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENT) have been served upon the following persons by the Electronic Information Exchange.

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