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## LICENSING BOARD SOLICITS STATEMENTS REGARDING LEVY COUNTY NEW NUCLEAR REACTOR APPLICATION, PUBLIC SESSION JAN 12, 2012

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB), which is handling the challenge to Progress Energy Florida's application to construct and operate two new nuclear power reactors in Levy County, Fla., has scheduled a meeting to hear statements from the public. The meeting will be held on Jan. 12, 2012, in Crystal River, Fla.

The ASLB is the independent body within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that rules on legal challenges to proposed licensing actions.

Progress submitted an application July 30, 2008, to construct and operate two new nuclear reactors at the Levy County site, about 10 miles northeast of Crystal River. The Nuclear Information and Resource Service, the Ecology Party of Florida and the Green Party of Florida filed a legal challenge opposing the application. The groups allege that Progress and the NRC staff failed to adequately analyze and discuss the environmental impacts of the proposed reactors on wetlands, floodplains, special aquatic sites, and other waters associated with the site. Progress and the NRC staff deny these allegations.

The ASLB will accept oral statements on Jan. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., at the Plantation Inn, 9301 West Fort Island Trail. Limited appearance statements allow members of the public (who are not formal parties to the adjudication) to comment on the proceeding. They are meant to inform and assist the ASLB in considering the legal challenge in question.

Members of the public who wish to make oral statements at the meeting are asked to pre-register on or before Jan. 5. Pre-registered members of the public will receive priority to speak. Pre-registration requests should specify the session (afternoon or evening) at which the requester wishes to make an oral statement.

Persons wishing to pre-register may do so by contacting the ASLB by e-mail to [hearingdocket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearingdocket@nrc.gov), by fax to (301) 415-1101, or by regular mail to: Office of the Secretary, Attn. Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. In addition, copies of pre-registration requests should be sent to the Chairman of the ASLB by e-mail to [Matthew.Flyntz@nrc.gov](mailto:Matthew.Flyntz@nrc.gov) and [Sara.Culler@nrc.gov](mailto:Sara.Culler@nrc.gov); by fax to (301) 415-5599, or by mail to: Administrative Judge Alex S. Karlin, c/o Matthew Flyntz,

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop: T-3E2C, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

The ASLB reserves the right to cancel a session if there is a lack of public interest and conclude a session ahead of the scheduled ending time if all speakers have made a presentation. In addition to the opportunity to make oral statements on Jan. 12, members of the public may also submit written statements to the ASLB. Written statements should be submitted to the same e-mail addresses and regular mail addresses specified above. Written statements may be submitted at any time prior to the commencement of the ASLB's formal adjudicatory hearing, which is currently expected to occur in the Fall of 2012.

The ASLB requests and advises those attending the comment sessions to arrive early to allow time for security screening. The ASLB also requests attendees to avoid bringing unnecessary hand-carried items, such as packages, briefcases, backpacks, or other items that might need individual examination. Attendees will not be able to store such items outside the rooms, and items requiring inspection could delay a person's admission to a session. In order to promote decorum and civility, and to all allow interested persons a fair opportunity to speak, the NRC's rules for the public comment sessions limit signs to 18 by 18 inches, and signs may not be attached to sticks, held above one's head, or moved about in the room.

Documents related to the Levy County COL application are available on the NRC [website](#). Documents pertaining to the ASLB proceeding are available in the agency's [electronic hearing docket](#) (to access the Levy County materials, click "EHD-Reactors, Materials and Other Proceedings," then "Log In," then "Adjudicatory Proceedings," and finally "Levy\_County\_52-029&52-030-COL"). More information about the role of the ASLB in the licensing process can be found at the NRC [website](#).

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