

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

Before Administrative Judges:

Ronald M. Spritzer, Chairman  
Dr. Richard F. Cole  
Dr. Alice C. Mignerey

In the Matter of

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC and POWER COMPANY  
d/b/a DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER and OLD  
DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

(Combined License Application  
for North Anna Unit 3)

Docket No. 52-017-COL

ASLBP No. 08-863-01-COL

July 26, 2012

ORDER

(Setting Time for Filing Motion to Reopen the Proceeding)

On October 20, 2011, the Licensing Board granted a consent motion to hold in abeyance a contention submitted on September 22, 2011 by Petitioner Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL).<sup>1</sup> That contention challenges the adequacy of the combined license application to construct and operate a third nuclear reactor at the North Anna Power Station in Louisa County, Virginia, in the wake of the earthquake that occurred on August 23, 2011 in Mineral, Virginia.<sup>2</sup> The Board placed the contention in abeyance until such time as the applicants Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power and Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (Dominion) completed an assessment of the seismic analyses in the application.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Licensing Board Order (Granting Consent Motion to Hold BREDL's New Contention in Abeyance) (Oct. 20, 2011) (unpublished) [hereinafter Abeyance Order].

<sup>2</sup> Request to Admit Intervenor's New Contention (September 22, 2011) [hereinafter Seismic Contention].

<sup>3</sup> Abeyance Order at 2.

After the Board's order, and before Dominion completed its assessment, the Commission held in CLI-12-14 that the licensing proceeding had terminated when the Board, prior to the filing of the Seismic Contention, declined to admit BREDL's last pending contentions.<sup>4</sup> The Commission remanded to the Board a limited grant of jurisdiction to consider a future motion by BREDL under 10 C.F.R. § 2.326 to reopen the proceeding and admit the Seismic Contention.<sup>5</sup>

Dominion and BREDL have each offered suggestions as to how the Board should proceed in light of CLI-12-14.<sup>6</sup> Dominion informs the Board that revisions to its Final Safety Analysis Report will be complete by May 2013, and proposes that BREDL be granted 30 days to file its motion to reopen from the date when Dominion informs the Board and parties that its seismic assessment is complete.<sup>7</sup> BREDL proposes a 60-day window for the filing of its motion, citing the "detailed and complex" issues involved and the "heavy burden" it must meet to reopen the record.<sup>8</sup>

In consideration of the significant revisions that Dominion will make to its application, and the strict procedural requirements of a section 2.326 motion to reopen, we adopt BREDL's suggestion and will grant a period of 60 days for BREDL to submit a motion to reopen the proceeding. In order to be accepted, BREDL's motion will need to meet each of the following requirements: Under subsection 2.326(a), the motion must be timely, must concern a significant environmental or safety issue, and must demonstrate the likelihood of a materially different result.

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<sup>4</sup> CLI-12-14, 75 NRC \_\_, \_\_ (June 7, 2012) (slip op. at 10-11).

<sup>5</sup> Id. at \_\_ (slip op. at 13-14).

<sup>6</sup> See Letter from David R. Lewis, Counsel for Dominion, to Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (June 19, 2012) [hereinafter Dominion Letter]; Letter from Louis A. Zeller, BREDL, to Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (July 13, 2012).

<sup>7</sup> Dominion Letter at 2, 3.

<sup>8</sup> BREDL Letter at 1-2.

Under subsection 2.326(b), the motion must be supported by an affidavit that separately addresses each of the 2.326(a) criteria. Because the contention relates to a matter not previously in controversy among the parties, under subsection 2.326(d) the motion must also satisfy the requirements of 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(c). Additionally, the underlying contention must meet the admissibility requirements of 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(f).

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY  
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Ronald M. Spitzer  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland  
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Dominion Virginia Power (DVP or Dominion) ) Docket No. 52-017-COL  
and Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) )  
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(North Anna Power Station, Unit 3) )

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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