

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

Before Administrative Judges:

Paul S. Ryerson, Chairman
Dr. Michael F. Kennedy
Dr. Richard E. Wardwell

In the Matter of:

NEXTERA ENERGY SEABROOK, LLC

(Seabrook Station, Unit 1)

Docket No. 50-443-LR

ASLBP No. 10-906-02-LR-BD01

March 11, 2013

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
(Requiring Update of Staff's Projected Schedule)

The Initial Scheduling Order, as amended, provides that, “[s]hould the NRC Staff’s best estimate of the projected schedule for completion of either its safety or environmental evaluations materially change, the Staff shall so advise as soon as practicable, and in no event later than the next monthly update of disclosures.”¹

Most recently, on June 4, 2012, the Staff advised the Board that the expected date for completion of the environmental review is April 2013, and that the date for completion of the safety review is to be determined.²

In the February 11, 2013 issue of Inside NRC, however, it is reported that the Staff has delayed the projected date for completion of the environmental review until December 2013.³ The Staff has not so advised the Board.

¹ Initial Scheduling Order at 3-4 (April 4, 2011) [hereinafter Initial Scheduling Order].

² Letter from Counsel for NRC Staff to Paul S. Ryerson, Chair, Dr. Michael F. Kennedy, and Dr. Richard E. Wardwell, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (June 4, 2012) at 1.

On or before March 15, 2013, the Staff shall advise the Board of its current best estimate of the projected schedule for completion of its safety and environmental evaluations. Henceforth, the Staff shall make an affirmative representation as to its then-current best estimate of the projected schedule for completion of these evaluations in each of the monthly status reports that the Staff is required to file, in accordance with the Initial Scheduling Order, on the first Thursday of every month.⁴

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD

/RA/

Paul S. Ryerson, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
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³ NRC Extends Schedule for Seabrook Environmental Review, INSIDE NRC (Platts, New York, N.Y.), Feb. 11, 2013, at 7.

⁴ See Initial Scheduling Order at 3.

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