

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

Before Administrative Judges:

Ronald M. Spritzer, Chairman
Nicholas G. Trikouros
Dr. James F. Jackson

In the Matter of

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING
COMPANY, INC.

(Vogtle Electric Generating Plant,
Units 3 and 4)

Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026

ASLBP No. 16-944-01-LA-BD01

March 9, 2016

ORDER

(Providing Further Direction Concerning Oral Argument)

In its January 28, 2016 Order, the Board directed that oral argument be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.¹ The Board is supplementing that Order to clarify the scope of oral argument and notify the participants of materials that may be displayed and referred to by the Board during the argument.

First, the Board stated in the scheduling order that “[t]he primary purpose of this oral argument is for the Board to ask questions and receive answers concerning contention admissibility issues presented by the pleadings.”² The Board will also hear argument concerning standing. Similar to the treatment of proposed contentions,³ Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and its chapter Concerned Citizens of Shell Bluff (collectively Petitioner) shall have 15 minutes to present an introductory argument regarding standing, and

¹ Licensing Board Order (Scheduling Oral Argument) (January 28, 2016) at 1 (unpublished).

² Id. at 2.

³ Id.

the NRC Staff and the Licensee shall each have 10 minutes. The Petitioner may reserve up to 5 minutes of its allotted time for rebuttal. No other rebuttal will be permitted.

Second, in addition to any materials displayed by the Licensee, the Board may visually display and ask questions about tables and figures cited in the pleadings and the License Amendment Request. The participants should be prepared to discuss such materials.

Subject to these supplements, all other provisions of the Board's January 28, 2016 scheduling order remain in effect.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD

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Ronald M. Spritzer, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
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