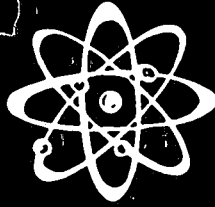


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AEC RECEIVES APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO BUILD
THIRD NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT DRESDEN SITE IN ILLINOIS

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The Atomic Energy Commission has received an application from Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago for a permit to construct a third nuclear power plant at the company's Dresden site near Morris, Illinois.

The application is for a boiling water reactor which would have an initial capacity of approximately 715,000 net electrical kilowatts. Commonwealth Edison Company has been operating its 200,000 net electrical kilowatt Dresden Unit No. 1 at the Illinois site since 1960. The 715,000 net electrical kilowatt Dresden Unit 2 now is under construction, with completion scheduled for early 1969. Like Dresden Units 1 and 2, the third facility would be designed and constructed for Commonwealth Edison by the General Electric Company.

Commonwealth Edison's application will be reviewed by the AEC Regulatory Staff and by the Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. Before the Commission can make a determination on the application, a public hearing must be held.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS AND CORRESPONDENTS: This information also is being issued by the Commission's Operations Office in Argonne, Illinois.)

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