

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Ronald M. Spritzer, Chairman
Nicholas G. Trikouros
Dr. Sekazi K. Mtingwa

In the Matter of

NEXTERA ENERGY SEABROOK, LLC

(Seabrook Station, Unit 1)

Docket No. 50-443-LA-2

ASLBP No. 17-953-02-LA-BD01

May 13, 2019

ORDER

(Scheduling Telephonic Conference Call)

On April 4, 2019, the Board conducted a teleconference with the parties concerning, among other things, the possibility of conducting a tour of the Seabrook Nuclear Generating Station (Plant).¹ The Board's law clerk subsequently informed the parties that the Board would compile a list of areas and items the Board would like to see during the tour. After the April 4 teleconference, C-10 submitted a Motion requesting that the tour be scheduled for June 26 or June 27, and that it be permitted to have four representatives present during the tour.² The Board had indicated during the April 4 teleconference that it believes one to two representatives per party should be sufficient, but it did not make a final determination on that issue.³

¹ Tr. 148, 157–59, 162.

² C-10 Research and Education Foundation's Motion Regarding Seabrook Station Site Tour (Apr. 11, 2019).

³ Tr. at 157–59.

NextEra responded to C-10's Motion, arguing that the specific dates and number of individuals permitted to attend the tour should be resolved after the Board has determined the areas of the Plant to be visited.⁴ On April 29, 2019, the Board issued a Memorandum outlining its objectives for the tour, and urging the NRC Staff (including the NRC's on-site inspectors) and NextEra to propose specific areas to be included in the tour that would assist the Board in achieving its objectives and also be consistent with safety and plant security.⁵ On May 13, 2019, NRC Staff and NextEra jointly submitted a proposed tour format (Joint Proposal) regarding the anticipated tour of the Plant and identifying dates⁶ as well as a recommended tour size for the visit based on various considerations, including escort-to-visitor ratios.⁷ The Joint Proposal anticipates that the tour reasonably could accommodate the Board and its law clerks, plus two representatives from each party (C-10, NextEra, and NRC Staff), excluding escorts/guides.⁸

The parties have agreed to a telephone conference to be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 beginning at 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time. The Board anticipates that this conference will last no more than one hour. The Board will establish a bridge line for this telephone conference, with three lines provided for each party. The Board's law clerk will contact the participants by email to provide the telephone number and passcodes for participation access. During the conference, the Board would like to discuss the dates for the tour and will also consult each party about the number of representatives attending. Additionally, the parties

⁴ NextEra's Answer Opposing C-10's Motion Regarding Seabrook Station Site Tour (Apr. 15, 2019).

⁵ Licensing Board Order (Concerning Plant Tour) (April 29, 2019) at 2–3 (unpublished).

⁶ Available dates proposed by the Joint Proposal include: June 7 and 21; July 19; and August 2 and 16. July 5 and August 30 about the Independence Day and Labor Day holidays, and representatives for the NRC Staff were unavailable on those days.

⁷ [NextEra and NRC Staff] Joint Proposal Regarding Plant Tour (May 9, 2019).

⁸ Id. at 3. The Joint Proposal anticipates that increasing the number of representatives may necessitate the tour being split into two separate groups.

should be prepared to discuss their availability for the proposed dates as well as any concerns with the dates listed in the Joint Proposal.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD

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Ronald M. Spritzer, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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