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AEC SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 30
TO CONSIDER PERMIT FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
IN ARKANSAS

The Atomic Energy Commission has scheduled a public hearing October 30 at Russellville, Arkansas, to consider the application of Arkansas Power and Light Company for a permit to build a nuclear power plant near Russellville.

The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the Young Student Center at Arkansas Polytechnic College in Russellville. It will be conducted by a three-member Atomic Safety and Licensing Board appointed by the Commission. Members of the board are R. B. Briggs, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Dr. Lawrence R. Quarles, Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and A. A. Wells, Permanent Chairman of the Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Mr. Wells will be chairman of the board. Dr. John C. Geyer, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, has been designated alternate technical member and J. D. Bond, a hearing examiner for the Commission, is the alternate lawyer member. A prehearing conference will be held at 10 a.m. on October 15 in Room 115, Lafayette Building, 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, D. C.

Arkansas Power and Light Company applied to the AEC for a permit to build the proposed Russellville Nuclear Unit on a peninsula in the Dardanelle Reservoir on the Arkansas River about six miles northwest of Russellville. The facility will use a pressurized water reactor and will have an initial output of about 825,000 net electrical kilowatts. Babcock and Wilcox Company will supply

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the nuclear steam supply system and Westinghouse Electric Corporation the turbine generator. The Bechtel Corporation will be architect-engineer and supervisor of construction.

A copy of the Commission's notice of hearing and a report by the Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards are attached.

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