NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED AEC LICENSING ACTION FOR ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE

The Atomic Energy Commission is giving public notice that it is considering issuance of an operating license to Arkansas Power and Light Company for operation of the Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit I facility located in Pope County, Arkansas.

The notice provides that within 30 days after publication of notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER on October 12, 1972, any member of the public whose interest may be affected may file a request for a public hearing in the form of a petition for leave to intervene with respect to whether an operating license should be issued.

Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed under oath of affirmation and must set forth the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, and the petitioner's contentions with respect to the proposed licensing action. Such petitions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, Attention: Chief, Public Proceedings Staff, by November 13, 1972. Timely petitions will be considered by the Commission to determine whether a hearing should be noticed or another appropriate order issued regarding the disposition of the petitions.

A petition for leave to intervene must be accompanied by a supporting affidavit which identifies the specific aspect or aspects of the proceeding as to which intervention is desired and specifies with particularity the facts on which the petitioner relies as to both his interest and his contentions with regard to each aspect on which intervention is requested. Petitions stating contentions relating only to matters outside the Commission's jurisdiction will be denied.

In the event that a hearing is held and a person is permitted to intervene, he becomes a party to the proceeding and has right to participate fully in the conduct of the nearing. For example, he may present evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

The Commission has arranged for documents and correspondence relating to the licensing of this facility to be kept on file for public inspection at the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library, Dardanelle, Arkansas 72834.

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