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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TO DISCUSS STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RENEW CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT LICENSES

On March 3, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will discuss the staff's recommendation to renew the operating licenses for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant for an additional 20 years. The meeting, which is open to public observation, will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 am in Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. submitted an application to the NRC in April 1998 to renew the licenses for Calvert Cliffs Units 1 and 2. The Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant is located in Lusby, Maryland. The current licenses expire on July 31, 2014, for Unit 1 and August 31, 2016, for Unit 2. The NRC reviewed the license renewal application in accordance with Parts 51 and 54 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The NRC's environmental review, under Part 51, is described in a site specific supplement to the NRC's "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants," (NUREG-1437, Supplement 1). In this Final Environmental Impact Statement issued in October, the staff concluded there are no impacts that would preclude renewal of the licenses for environmental reasons.

In the "Safety Evaluation Report Related to the License Renewal of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2," (NUREG-1705) issued in November, the staff concluded that there are no safety concerns that would preclude renewal of the licenses, because the licensee had demonstrated the capability to manage the effects of plant aging.

Three inspections of the plant also were conducted to verify information submitted by the licensee. On December 10, the NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards -- an independent body of technical experts that advises the Commission -- issued its recommendation to the Commission that the operating licenses for Calvert Cliffs be renewed. That recommendation is contained in the ACRS "Report on the Safety Aspects of the License Renewal Application for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plants Units 1 and 2."

Copies of these documents and others relating to the license renewal application will be available at: <http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports/renewal.htm> on the NRC's Website. A copy of the

staff's recommendation on the renewal of the Calvert Cliffs licenses also will be available in the NRC Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555; telephone (202) 634-3273 and will be posted at the same web site.

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