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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING ON APPLICATION TO RENEW OPERATING LICENSES FOR DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application to renew the operating licenses for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2. The Diablo Canyon units are pressurized-water reactors, located in Avila Beach, 12 miles from San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co., submitted the renewal application on Nov. 23, 2009. The current operating licenses for Units 1 and 2 expire on Nov. 2, 2024, and Aug. 26, 2025, respectively.

The NRC staff has determined that the application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally "docket," or file, the application and begin its technical review. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the review proceeds; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will grant the application.

The deadline for requesting a hearing is 60 days following publication of a notice in the *Federal Register*, expected shortly. By that date, petitions must be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. The notice includes detailed instructions for requesting a hearing through the NRC's E-filing system's electronic submittal page at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>. For specific guidance and instructions on public involvement in hearings visit link at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing.html>.

Information about the license renewal process can be found on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>. The Diablo Canyon renewal application is online at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/diablo-canyon.html>.

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