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ASLB TO WEBSTREAM MARCH 1 PREHEARING CONFERENCE IN ROCKVILLE, MD., ON BELLEFONTE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) will hold a prehearing conference March 1 in Rockville, Md., regarding a challenge to the NRC's reinstatement of construction permits for the incomplete Bellefonte reactors in Alabama.

Anyone wishing to view the conference over the Internet may do so at this link:
<http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=66071>.

The board will conduct oral arguments with the petitioners challenging the reinstatement (the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and its Bellefonte Efficiency and Sustainability Team chapter, as well as the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy), the applicant (Tennessee Valley Authority), and the NRC staff. The arguments will include how the Atomic Energy Act's "good cause" standard applies in this case, along with the admissibility of the petitioners' proposed contentions.

The prehearing conference will begin at 9 a.m. March 1 in the NRC's ASLB hearing room, T-3B45, at the agency's headquarters at 11545 Rockville Pike in Rockville. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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