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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST HEARING ON APPLICATION TO RENEW OPERATING LICENSE FOR VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing the opportunity to request a hearing on an application to renew the operating license for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station for an additional 20 years.

The Vermont Yankee nuclear plant is a boiling water reactor located in the town of Vernon, Vt., on the west shore of the Connecticut River. Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., submitted the renewal application Jan. 25. The current operating license for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station expires on March 21, 2012.

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.

A notice of opportunity to request a hearing will be published soon in the *Federal Register*. The deadline for requesting a hearing is 60 days after publication of the notice. Petitions may be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. Information regarding the opportunity to request a hearing was disseminated by NRC staff to members of the public during a public information session conducted in Brattleboro, Vt., on March 1.

A request for hearing and a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Requests may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 415-1101 or e-mail to HEARINGDOCKET@nrc.gov. A copy should also be submitted to the NRC Office of General Counsel, by facsimile to (301) 415-3725 or e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov.

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 Vermont Yankee renewal application is online at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/vermont-yankee.html>. An NRC review schedule for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station will also be posted on the NRC Web

site and will identify the deadline for requesting a hearing. This information can also be found in the agency's ADAMS document database under ML0608006640.

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