

authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards;

d. Any affected Indian Tribe;

e. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process; and

f. Any person who has petitioned or intends to petition for leave to intervene under 10 CFR 2.309.

#### IV. Public Scoping Meeting

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.26(b), the scoping process for an EIS may include a public scoping meeting to help identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The NRC is announcing that it will hold two virtual public scoping meetings for the Browns Ferry SLR site-specific EIS. A court reporter will transcribe all comments received during the public scoping meeting. To be considered, comments must be provided either at a transcribed public meeting or in writing, as discussed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The NRC will hold two virtual public scoping meetings on April 11, 2024, at 1 p.m. ET and on April 18, 2024, at 6 p.m. ET.

Persons interested in attending this meeting should monitor the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule website at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg> for additional information and the agenda for the meeting. Please contact Ms. Jessica Umana no later than April 6, 2024, for the meeting on April 11, 2024, and April 13, 2024, for the meeting on April 18, 2024, if accommodations or special equipment is needed to attend or to provide comments, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

The public scoping meeting will include: (1) an overview by the NRC staff of the environmental and safety review processes, the proposed scope of the site-specific EIS, and the proposed review schedule; and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on environmental issues or the proposed scope of the Browns Ferry SLR site-specific EIS.

Participation in the scoping process for the Browns Ferry SLR site-specific EIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the site-specific EIS relates. Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at this public meeting.

Dated: March 28, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Ashley N. Waldron,**

*Acting Chief, Environmental Project Management Branch 1, Division of Rulemaking, Environment, and Financial Support, Office of Nuclear Material Safety, and Safeguards.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket Nos. 50-269-SLR-2; 50-270-SLR-2; 50-287-SLR-2]**

#### In the Matter of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, (Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2, and 3); Order

On February 13, 2024, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued a notice in the **Federal Register** providing an opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene with respect to the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's subsequent license renewal application for Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3.<sup>1</sup> The **Federal Register** notice set a deadline of April 15, 2024, for filing a hearing request.

Subsequently, on March 18, 2024, Beyond Nuclear and Sierra Club (together, Petitioners) filed a motion to extend by two weeks, until April 29, 2024, the deadline for Petitioners to request a hearing in this proceeding.<sup>2</sup> The Petitioners represent that the applicant has agreed not to oppose this extension request provided that its deadline to respond to such a hearing request is also extended by seven days, to May 31, 2024.<sup>3</sup> In addition, the Petitioners state in the motion that the NRC Staff has not taken a position on the extension request.<sup>4</sup>

As good cause for the requested extension, the Petitioners cite conflicting litigation obligations, a personal commitment, and that they "reasonably anticipated" that the Commission would withdraw the hearing request in light of the circumstances in two other subsequent license renewal proceedings.<sup>5</sup> Under

<sup>1</sup> Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3; Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, 89 FR10,107 (Feb. 13, 2024) (Hearing Notice).

<sup>2</sup> Motion by Beyond Nuclear and Sierra Club for Extension of Time to Submit Hearing Request (Mar. 18, 2024) (ADAMS Accession no. ML24078A146).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 1-2. The Petitioners cite subsequent license renewal proceedings for North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, and Turkey Point Nuclear Generating, Units 3 and 4, the draft supplemental

Commission precedent litigation burden is not good cause for an extension.<sup>6</sup>

Nevertheless, in this instance, the participants have consulted, the Petitioners and the applicant have reached agreement, and the motion is unopposed. Therefore, pursuant to my authority under 10CFR 2.346(b), I extend the deadline for all persons to file a hearing request in this proceeding until April 29, 2024. The deadline for answers to timely hearing requests shall be May 31, 2024, and the deadline for any replies shall be June 7, 2024. Petitions to intervene and requests for hearing shall be filed consistent with the instructions set out in the Electronic Submissions (E-Filing) section of the Hearing Notice.

*It is so ordered.*

For the Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, This 28th of March 2024.

**Carrie Safford,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[NRC-2022-0076]**

#### Interim Staff Guidance: Advanced Reactor Content of Application Project Chapter 9, Control of Routine Plant Radioactive Effluents, Plant Contamination and Solid Waste

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Final guidance; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) DANU-ISG-2022-03, Chapter 9, "Control of Routine Plant

environmental impact statements of which were similarly noticed for hearing opportunities in accordance with Commission direction. CLI-22-3, 95 NRC 40, 42 (2022). In the *Turkey Point* proceeding, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board certified a question to the Commission concerning language in CLI-22-3, specifically, whether the Staff should have waited to issue the notice of opportunity for hearing until the completion of the final supplemental environmental impact statement. *Florida Power & Light Co.* (Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Units 3 and 4), LBP-24-1, 99 NRC \_\_, \_\_ (Jan. 31, 2024) (slip op. at 4). The Commission recently issued an order in which it accepted the Board's certification and found the Staff's interpretation of CLI-22-3 with respect to the timing of the hearing notice acceptable. *Florida Power & Light Co.* (Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Units 3 and 4), CLI-24-1, 99 NRC \_\_, \_\_ (Mar. 7, 2024) (slip op. at 6).

<sup>6</sup> See *Consolidated Edison Co. of New York* (Indian Point, Units 1 and 2), CLI-01-8, 53 NRC 225, 229-30 (2001) (quoting *Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.* (Nine Mile Point, Units 1 & 2), 50 NRC 333, 343 (1999)).