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NRC MEETING WITH PUBLIC JAN. 6 ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING FOR COMANCHE PEAK NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold public meetings Tuesday, Jan. 6, in Glen Rose, Texas, to discuss the environmental issues the agency should consider in reviewing a Combined License (COL) application for two new reactors proposed for the Comanche Peak site near Glen Rose.

The NRC will meet with the public from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. at the Glen Rose Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd. in Glen Rose. The application's environmental report is available on the agency's Web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/comanche-peak.html. Copies of the report are also available at the Somervell County Library, 108 Allen Drive in Glen Rose, and the Hood County Library, 222 North Travis St., Granbury, Texas.

NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public during "open house" sessions from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. No formal comments on the environmental review will be accepted during these open houses.

Luminant Generation submitted its application Sept. 19 to build and operate two U.S. Advanced Pressurized Water Reactors at the site, about four miles north of Glen Rose.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting, or who require special accommodations or equipment to attend or speak should contact Michael Willingham by telephone at 800-368-5642, x3924 or via e-mail at Comanche.COLEIS@nrc.gov by Dec. 30. Those wishing to speak, may also register at each meeting no later than 12:55 p.m. and 6:55 p.m., respectively. Individual comments may be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the scoping process. Comments should be submitted no later than Feb. 17, 2009, either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or via e-mail at Comanche.COLEIS@nrc.gov.

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