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NRC Accepts Application for Subsequent License Renewal of Oconee Nuclear Power Reactors

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has accepted for review an application from Duke Energy Carolinas requesting an additional 20 years for the previously renewed operating licenses of Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2 and 3. Duke Energy submitted its subsequent license renewal application on June 7.

The [application](#), with proprietary details removed, is available on the NRC website. Duke Energy is seeking a subsequent renewal for the Oconee units in Seneca, South Carolina, approximately 30 miles southwest of Greenville. The NRC approved the initial license renewal in May 2000, with Unit 1 currently licensed to operate through Feb. 6, 2033; Unit 2 through Oct. 26, 2033; and Unit 3 through July 19, 2034.

Accepting the application for review, or “docketing” the application, does not indicate whether the Commission will approve or reject the request. More information regarding [subsequent license renewal](#) is available on the NRC website.

The NRC has published in the Federal Register a [notice of opportunity](#) to intervene in an adjudicatory hearing. Petitions to intervene in a hearing must be filed by Sept. 27, by anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. More information on the [hearing process](#) is available on the NRC website.