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Public Participation in NRC Licensing: History, Trends, and Current State

Judge Michael Kennedy is currently the Associate Chief Administrative Judge (Technical) at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP). For the past nine years, Mike Kennedy has participated in a wide range of proceedings involving operating reactors, next generation combined license applications, materials and enforcement cases. In this role, he has gained a first-hand perspective on the scope and value of public participation in the NRC licensing process. The public, in this context, consists of concerned members of the local community who either oppose or support a particular licensing action. His presentation will focus on public participation in the adjudicatory process, examining the role of the ASLBP in the licensing process; the ASLBP's procedures and how they have changed over the years; how those procedures affect public participation; and, finally, the ASLBP's current and predicted docket.

Speaker's Biography:

Mike Kennedy was born in Buffalo, New York where he received a BS (1970) degree in Physics from Canisius College. He then attended UVA, earning MS (1973) and PhD (1978) degrees in Nuclear Engineering. His MS thesis advisor was Al Reynolds; Al Reynolds and Alan Waltar were his PhD advisors. Mike has been at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission since 2008 working first as a technical judge on the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel and now as Associate Chief Administrative Judge (Technical). Starting his career in the safety analysis group at Combustion Engineering, he then worked for over 35 years in the nuclear industry for various companies with a primary focus on licensing and safety analysis for current generation

light water reactors, advanced reactor designs, and fuel cycle facilities. During his career, Mike worked for nuclear consulting firms, nuclear utility organizations, reactor vendors, and Argonne National Laboratory, holding positions of technical leadership or management. He has provided technical support to the NRC in the license renewal area, performed safety analysis reviews for the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, and updated regulatory guidance documents for the Offices of Research and Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. He was a guest lecturer in light water reactor safety analysis for a course in Dubrovnik sponsored by the International Center for Heat and Mass Transfer. He has authored technical papers on nuclear safety and the application of information technology to managing configuration data for nuclear power plants.

Schedule:

- Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner - 6:15 p.m.
- Presentation - 7:00 p.m.
- Adjourn - 8:00 p.m..
- [Directions to the Rt 64 Comfort Inn Monticello](#) - (434) 977-3300
- The Comfort Inn is offering a special room rate of ~\$80 if you'd prefer to have a break in your travels.

COST: \$30 (\$20 for students) includes dinner.

Reservations for the meeting can be made until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2017. Please address any questions to Reed Johnson by email at wrjohnson@kaballero.com or by phone at 804-462-7409