



## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 50-261; NRC-2025-0076]**

**Duke Energy Progress, LLC; H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2;**

**Subsequent License Renewal and Record of Decision**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-23 to Duke Energy Progress, LLC (Duke) for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2 (Robinson). In addition, the NRC has prepared a record of decision (ROD) that supports the agency's decision to issue Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-23.

**DATES:** The NRC issued Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-23 on April 23, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2025-0076 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2025-0076. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: [Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov](mailto:Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the "For Further Information Contact" section of this document.

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301-415-4737, or by email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov). For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the “Availability of Documents” section.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Discussion**

Notice is hereby given that the NRC has issued Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-23 to Duke for Robinson. Duke is the operator of the facility. Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-23 authorizes Duke to operate Robinson at a reactor core power level not in excess of 2,339 megawatts thermal, in accordance with the provisions of the Robinson license and technical specifications. Notice is also given that the ROD that supports the NRC’s decision to issue Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-23 is available, and its location is listed in the “Availability of Documents” section of this document.

As discussed in the ROD and the final supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS), published as NUREG-1437, Supplement 13, Second Renewal, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2, Final Report,” dated March 2026, the final SEIS documents the NRC staff’s environmental review, including the recommendation that the adverse environmental impacts of subsequent license renewal (SLR) for Robinson are not so great that

preserving the option of SLR for energy-planning decision-makers would be unreasonable. This recommendation is based on (1) the analysis and findings in the NRC's Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, (2) information provided in the environmental report submitted by Duke, (3) the NRC staff's consultation with Federal, State, and local governmental agencies and Indian Tribes, (4) the NRC staff's independent environmental review, and (5) the NRC staff's consideration of public comments received during the scoping process and on the draft SEIS.

Robinson consists of one Westinghouse three-loop pressurized-water reactor located near Hartsville, South Carolina. Duke submitted its SLR application for Robinson on April 1, 2025, which it supplemented by letters through October 1, 2025 (see the "Availability of Documents" section of this document). The NRC staff has determined that Duke's SLR application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the NRC's regulations. As required by the Act and NRC regulations in title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Chapter I, "Nuclear Regulatory Commission," the NRC has made appropriate findings, which are set forth in the subsequent renewed license.

Notice of the NRC's acceptance for docketing of the SLR application and an opportunity to request a hearing was published in the *Federal Register* on May 8, 2025 (90 FR 19535). A notice of intent to conduct environmental scoping was published on May 22, 2025 (90 FR 21952). In April 2026, the NRC staff issued its safety evaluation concerning the Robinson SLR application. In December 2025, the NRC staff published a draft SEIS for public comment, providing the preliminary results of the staff's environmental review of the Robinson SLR application. A notice of availability of the draft SEIS was published in the *Federal Register* on January 9, 2026 (91 FR 1007). In March 2026, the NRC staff published the final SEIS; a notice of issuance was published in the *Federal Register* on March 20, 2026 (91 FR 13644).

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) Duke's SLR application for Robinson, dated April 1, 2025, as supplemented by letters dated through October 1, 2025, (2) the NRC's safety evaluation, dated April 2026, (3) the NRC's final SEIS, dated March 2026, and (4) the NRC's ROD, dated April 23, 2026.

## II. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through ADAMS, as indicated.

| <b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>ADAMS ACCESSION NO.</b> |
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| H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2, Application for Subsequent Renewed Operating Licenses, dated April 1, 2025                                                                                                                                | ML25091A290 (Package)      |
| NUREG-1437, Revision 2, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," Volumes 1–3, dated August 2024                                                                                                                | ML24087A133 (Package)      |
| Supplement No. 1—Changes to the Robinson Unit 2 Subsequent License Renewal Application, dated August 28, 2025                                                                                                                                         | ML25240B656                |
| Supplement No. 2—Changes to the Robinson Unit 2 Subsequent License Renewal Application, dated October 1, 2025                                                                                                                                         | ML25274A131                |
| "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 13, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2, Draft Report for Comment," dated December 2025 | ML25344A144                |
| Safety Evaluation Related to the Subsequent License Renewal of H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2, dated April 2026                                                                                                                           | ML26089A378 (Package)      |
| "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 13, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2, Final Report," dated March 2026                | ML26062A118                |
| Record of Decision, Subsequent License Renewal Application for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2, dated April 23, 2026                                                                                                                       | ML26044A014                |

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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