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Public Support For Oyster Creek License Renewal Remains Strong And Continues To Grow

FORKED RIVER, N.J. (August 15, 2006) – More than three-fourths of respondents in a new public opinion poll say they support license renewal for Oyster Creek Generating Station.

According to the poll, conducted in May by Bisconti Research, Inc., an average of 80 percent of respondents near the plant and statewide support continued plant operation beyond the initial 40-year license, as long as safety requirements are met. That is an increase from 2005, when an average of 73 percent said they supported license renewal for the plant under those conditions.

“We have always believed that as people learn and understand more about Oyster Creek and nuclear power in general, they come to appreciate the huge benefits of this energy resource,” said Tim Rausch, Oyster Creek Vice President. “In the case of Oyster Creek, this research validates the democratic maxim that people will come to the right conclusions if they are given enough accurate information.”

Bisconti Research asked 900 residents in New Jersey about their opinions of Oyster Creek license renewal, nuclear power and energy issues. There were three separate samples of 300 permanent residents—within 10 miles of the plant, between 11 and 50 miles from the plant and statewide. The margin of error for this sample size is plus or minus six percentage points.

Survey results showed that 78 percent of respondents within 10 miles, including Barnegat and Stafford Township, and 82 percent of residents located within the 50-mile periphery, which includes Asbury Park and Brick Township, support Oyster Creek license renewal if the plant continues to meet federal safety standards. In addition, the gap between those who strongly favor license renewal and those who strongly oppose continues to grow, with strong supporters outnumbering those strongly opposed by 3 to 1.

“The public opinion survey demonstrates that public support for Oyster Creek license renewal remains strong and continues to grow,” said Tim Rausch, Oyster Creek Vice President. “New Jersey residents understand the need for clean, safe and reliable energy, and that is exactly what Oyster Creek provides. The continued safe operation of Oyster Creek for an additional 20 years is vitally important to New Jersey and the region.”

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Other major findings of the survey include:

- Nearly 90 percent in all three areas said that President Bush and Congress should give high priority to assuring a reliable energy supply, and more than 80 percent would give high priority to becoming less dependent on foreign energy.
- More than three-fourths of the public believes that nuclear energy should play an important role in meeting America's future electricity needs.

Bisconti Research, Inc. is based in Washington, DC, conducted the study with Quest Global Research Group, which provided the samples and conducted the interviews.

This is the third public opinion survey conducted in New Jersey to gauge public attitudes and perceptions about nuclear energy.

The complete survey report is available on the Oyster Creek license renewal Web site at www.oystercreeklr.com.

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