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Please contact me at (301) 415-3871, if there are questions.

Sincerely,

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STN 50-456, and STN 50-457

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RELATED TO SSPS SLAVE RELAYS SURVEILLANCE

TEST INTERVALS EXTENSION

EXELON GENERATION COMPANY, LLC

BRAIDWOOD STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

BYRON STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. STN 50-456, STN 50-457, STN 50-454 AND STN 50-455

1. The licensee's submittal does not define whether AR relays with DC coils are included in the request for surveillance test interval extension. It should be noted that Westinghouse Owners Group Topical report (WCAP-13877) does not cover AR relays with DC coils. Therefore, if AR relays with DC coils are to be included in the extension request, please provide the basis for extending the applicability of the topical report to these relays which should be similar to the analysis for AC relays. Also, Attachment E of the submittal does not discuss the similarity of the relays in the topical reports to the relays in the plant. Therefore, please discuss the similarity of the slave relays at Byron and Braidwood to the relays discussed in the topical report.
2. The licensee plans to extend the applicability of the topical reports to the future acquisition of relays which will be used to replace existing relays. It is the staff's understanding that these relays could be purchased from any vendor and could be of a different model. To date, the staff feels that the licensee has not provided sufficient justification to support this part of their request. Please provide additional justification (detailed acceptance criteria) for future relay replacements or amend the request to delete the paragraph regarding future relay replacements, and provide the new replacement technical specifications pages.
3. The licensee has requested to extend the topical report for Containment Ventilation Isolation System without providing adequate justification. In order for the staff to determine the acceptability of the request, please provide details to justify the applicability of the topical report to these relays.

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