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- Reference: Volume 66, Federal Register, Page 46230 (66 FR 46230), dated September 4, 2001

This letter is being submitted in response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) proposed rule to amend 10CFR Parts 2, 20, and 50. The NRC is proposing to amend its regulations to standardize the process for allowing a power reactor licensee to release part of its facility or site for unrestricted use before the NRC approves the license termination plan (LTP). This type of release is termed a "partial site release." The proposed rule would identify the criteria and regulatory framework that a licensee would use to request NRC approval for a partial site release and provide additional assurance that residual radioactivity would meet the radiological criteria for license termination, even if parts of the site were released before a licensee submits its LTP to the NRC.

Exelon Generation Company, LLC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule and supports the comments submitted on behalf of the nuclear energy industry, by the Nuclear Energy Institute.

Respectfully,

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