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Clinton Power Station, Unit 1
Facility Operating License No. NPF-62
NRC Docket No. 50-461

Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-11 and NPF-18
NRC Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-29 and DPR-30
NRC Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265

Subject: Long Term Solution Stability System Oscillation Power Range Monitor
Revised Implementation Plan

References: (1) Letter from K. A. Ainger (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "Long Term Solution Stability System Oscillation Power Range Monitor Revised Implementation Plan," dated September 6, 2001.

Exelon Generation Company (EGC), LLC, in Reference 1 provided the NRC with a revised implementation schedule for the Long Term Solution Stability System Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM) for Clinton Power Station (CPS), Dresden Nuclear Power Station (DNPS), LaSalle County Station (LCS) and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station (QCNPS). The revised schedule was due to a General Electric Company (GE) 10 CFR 21, "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance," notification identifying potential non-conservative assumptions used in the generation of OPRM trip setpoints. The assumptions were utilized in developing the OPRM trip setpoints for CPS, DNPS, LCS and QCNPS. In Reference 1 EGC estimated that the resolution of the non-conservative assumptions would result in a delay in submitting Technical Specifications (TS) for the CPS, DNPS, LCS and QCNPS OPRMs until the fall of 2002.

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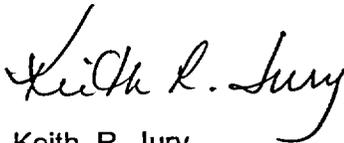
EGC has been working with other licensees affected by the OPRM non-conservative assumptions since this issue was identified. Although progress has been made in addressing this issue, the resolution of the issue has not been finalized. The current schedule estimates that the technical data necessary to adjust the non-conservative assumptions and prepare the OPRM TS will be available in the last quarter of 2003.

As a result, we are revising our OPRM implementation plans as follows.

- Based on current information and schedules to resolve this issue, we intend to submit proposed TS amendments for CPS, DNPS, LCS and QCNPS in the first quarter of 2004. However, this date may be adjusted based upon any changes in the projected resolution schedule.
- In the interim, CPS, DNPS, LCS and QCNPS will continue to use the Interim Corrective Actions (ICAs) specified in NRC Bulletin 88-07, Supplement 1, "Power Oscillations in Boiling Water Reactors (BWRs)," and "BWR Owners Group Guidelines for Stability Interim Corrective Action," dated June 6, 1994. The use of the ICAs will ensure that appropriate actions are taken to prevent or mitigate any potential core instability event, thus ensuring continued safe plant operation.
- The OPRM trip functions at CPS, DNPS, LCS and QCNPS will not be armed until after NRC approval of the OPRM TS.

Should you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Mr. T. W. Simpkin at (630) 657-2821.

Respectfully,



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