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Subject: Revision to Technical Specifications Change Request – Clarification of Requirements for Licensed Operator Qualifications and Training

Reference 1: Letter from K. A. Ainger (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to NRC, "Request for Technical Specifications Changes to Clarify Requirements for Licensed Operator Qualifications and Training," dated August 1, 2001

Reference 2: Letter from K. R. Jury (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to NRC, "Revision to Technical Specifications Change Request – Clarification of Requirements for Licensed Operator Qualifications and Training," dated June 19, 2002

In Reference 1, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon), and AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen), in accordance with 10 CFR 50.90, "Application for amendment of license or construction permit," requested a change to Appendix A, Technical Specifications (TS) of the above noted Facility Operating Licenses. The proposed change would revise, clarify or delete, as appropriate, requirements regarding facility staff qualifications and licensed operator and non-licensed personnel training programs.

Currently, TS Section 5.3, "Facility [Unit] Staff Qualifications," or TS Section 6.3, Facility Staff Qualifications," as applicable to each respective station, describes the requirements for the facility/unit staff qualifications. Reference 1 proposed to revise the existing qualification requirements to add an exception for licensed operators that states:

"...licensed operators shall comply with the requirements of 10 CFR 55."

After review of this proposed change, the NRC requested that this exception be revised to add more specificity to the license operator qualifications and require prior NRC approval of future proposed changes to the qualifications. In Reference 2, we responded to the NRC's request and revised the proposed licensed operator qualification exception to state the following:

"...the education and experience eligibility requirements for operator license applicants, and changes thereto, shall be approved by the NRC and described in an applicable station training procedure."

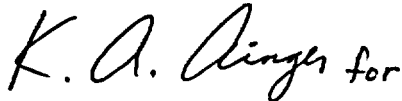
After further NRC review of the revision to the proposed change, additional discussions were held between representatives of Exelon and the NRC to clarify the intent of the proposed change. Based on these discussions, we acknowledge that future proposed changes to the licensed operator qualification requirements would need to be pursued through the license amendment request process. Accordingly, the NRC will include the following clarification in the revision to TS Section 5.3 or TS Section 6.3, as applicable, to each respective station.

"...the education and experience eligibility requirements for operator license applicants, (described in Exelon letter RS-02-100, dated June 19, 2002), and

changes thereto, shall be approved by the NRC and described in an applicable station training procedure."

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact J. A. Bauer at (630) 657-2801.

Respectfully,

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