## CITY OF MORRISON

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January 24, 2003

Mr. Duke Wheeler NRC 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Re: Support for the Quad Cities Generating Station

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am writing this letter in support of the extension of the Quad Cities Generating Station operating license. This facility is an important source of electricity in Illinois and the Station has over 700 employees. The loss of this facility would negatively impact our local economy.

On November 12, 2002 the City Council of the City of Morrison adopted Resolution # 02-07, a resolution of support for license renewal. I am attaching a copy of this resolution.

We strongly encourage NRC's approval of the extension of the Quad Cities Generating Station operating license.

Sincerely,

Roger Drey

Mayor

City of Morrison

Enclosure

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## **RESOLUTION 02-07**

## QUAD CITIES GENERATING STATION LICENSE RENEWAL SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the City of Morrison, Whiteside County, Illinois (the "City") finds that the Quad Cities Generating Station, located five miles north of Cordova, Illinois, is nearing the end of its original 40-year operating license granted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for Units 1 and 2 in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Exelon Nuclear is applying to the NRC in January of 2003 for an extension of the operating license for its Quad Cities Generating Station, which would enable the station to continue to produce electricity through 2032; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Cities Generating Station is a critical energy source for Illinois, providing 15 million megawatts of electricity each year, enough to power 1.5 million homes; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Cities Generating Station is a key element of the local economy, employing over 700 employees and paying more than \$3 million each year in property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the nuclear power industry is demonstrating that there are valid technical, environmental, and economic reasons for extending the life of well-run and properly maintained plants beyond this 40-year initial license period; and

WHEREAS, the NRC will begin an extensive 2-year review of the documentation provided by the company in determining whether of not to grant a renewed license;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Morrison, that we fully support Exelon Nuclear's License Renewal Application for the additional 20-year operation of the Quad Cities Generating Station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Morrison, Illinois, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D., 2002, by the following vote.

Ayes: Fransen, Meyers, Bees, Kelly, Rillie, Hayenga, Zuidema, Rose

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

APPROVED this 12th day of November A.D., 2002.

Roger Drey

Mayor

ATTEST:

Génnie L. Huling

City Clerk