

August 11, 2003

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SUBJECT: EXPANDED SCOPE OF DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION
APPLICATION FOR OPERATING LICENSE RENEWAL

Dear Mr. Nelson:

This letter requests comments regarding the expanded scope of the environmental review associated with the proposed operating license renewals for Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3 (DNPS).

On March 11, 2003, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff requested your comments on the operating license renewal application for DNPS, located in Grundy County, Illinois. To support our preparation of an environmental impact statement and to ensure compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), we requested a list of species and information on protected, proposed, and candidate species and critical habitats which may be in the vicinity of DNPS and its associated transmission lines. In addition, we requested any information you considered appropriate under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA).

We are writing now to inform you that since our March 11, 2003, letter, the scope of the transmission lines included in this environmental review has been expanded. Specifically, the length of the Goodings Grove transmission line corridor was stated in our letter as being 12.4 miles long and terminating at the Elwood substation in Will County. Based on additional information provided by the licensee, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, the length of the Goodings Grove corridor pertinent to our review extends 29.8 miles to the Goodings Grove substation in Will County, and occupies 903 acres (see attached map).

As provided for by the ESA and FWCA, we request that you consider the effects the expanded scope of the project may have on endangered and threatened species of fish and wildlife. Please notify us of any issues that we should consider during the preparation of the environmental impact statement for the proposed DNPS license renewal.

If you have any questions concerning the process for the NRC staff review of the license renewal application, please contact Mr. Louis Wheeler, Senior Project Manager, at (301) 415-1444 or via e-mail at DXW@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: DNPS Transmission Line Map

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