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4300 Winfield Road Warrenville, IL 60555

Mr. John L. Skolds, President

**ATTN: Regulatory Services** Exelon Generation Company, LLC

Dear Mr. Skolds:

**Exelon Nuclear** 

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recently received information concerning activities at Exelon. The details are enclosed for your evaluation.

We request that the results of your evaluation of this matter be submitted to Region III within 30 days of the date of this letter. Your response to this request should not be docketed, and should be sent in an envelope addressed to the Region III Enforcement/Investigations Officer.

We also request that your response contain no personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

The documented results of your evaluation should include sufficient information for the NRC to determine: (a) if the concerns were substantiated; (b) that the organization or individual conducting the evaluation was independent; (c) that the evaluation was of sufficient depth and scope to determine that the appropriate root causes and generic implications were considered; (d) that the corrective actions, both planned and completed, were sufficient to correct the specific example(s) and generic implications and to prevent recurrence; and (e) if your evaluation identified any deficiencies with a license condition, please tell us what corrective actions were taken or planned, and the corrective action document that addressed the deficiencies.

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as Dresden and Quad Cities. The audit issue related to valves that were originally purchased as non-safety-related (or commercial grade), were upgraded to safety-related without performing any calculations, and were subsequently modified based on engineering judgment with no documentation. The modifications involved reduction in the thickness of the valve body or bonnet.

In addressing this issue, please describe the nature of the 1995 finding and determine what actions were taken to ensure that this issue did not apply to other sites.

6. Exelon failed to issue a stop work order against Holtec and US Tool & Die as a result of the nine findings from the concerned individual's audit of these organizations in March 2000 and as a result of the stop work orders issued by New York Power Authority and the Southern Nuclear Company against these same organizations.

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We appreciate your cooperation and will gladly discuss any questions you may have concerning this information. Should you have questions, please contact one of the NRC Region III Allegation Coordinators, Jim Heller or Andrea Kock. They can be reached at (630) 829-9500.

Sincerely,

**Brent Clayton** 

Enforcement/Investigations Officer

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