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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

Subject: Withdrawal of Request for License Amendment Related to Heavy Loads Handling

- References:**
- (1) Letter from P. R. Simpson (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U. S. NRC, "Request for License Amendment Related to Heavy Loads Handling," dated February 26, 2003
 - (2) Letter from P. R. Simpson (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U. S. NRC, "Request for License Amendment Related to Heavy Loads Handling," dated August 29, 2003
 - (3) Letter from M. Banerjee (U. S. NRC) to J. L. Skolds (Exelon Generation Company, LLC), "Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3 – Issuance of Amendments – Heavy Loads Handling (TAC Nos. MB7840 and MB7841)," dated October 10, 2003

In Reference 1, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (EGC) requested an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25 for Dresden Nuclear Power Station (DNPS), Units 2 and 3. The proposed changes revised the DNPS Updated Final Safety Analysis Report to include a description of a load drop analysis performed for handling reactor cavity shield blocks weighing greater than 110 tons with the Unit 2/3 reactor building crane during power operation. EGC requested that this amendment request be approved in time to support refueling outage D2R18, scheduled for October 2003.

Following teleconferences with the NRC during the week of August 25, 2003, EGC determined that the amendment request potentially would not be approved in time to support D2R18. As a result, EGC submitted a second amendment request (i.e., Reference 2) which would have allowed EGC to use the Unit 2/3 reactor building crane for heavy loads up to a total of 117 tons for removal and re-installation activities for the reactor shield blocks prior to and during the Unit 2 refueling outage D2R18.

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Reference 2 stated that EGC would formally withdraw this second amendment request if the original request was approved by October 10, 2003. In Reference 3, the NRC approved the original amendment request. Therefore, EGC is withdrawing the Reference 2 amendment request.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Kenneth M. Nicely at (630) 657-2803.

Respectfully,



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