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The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) has reviewed the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, NUREG-1437, Draft Supplement 16 (dated November 2003), regarding Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, Rock Island County, Illinois.

The proposed license renewal does not involve any major construction, refurbishment, or physical alteration of the project area. The Generic EIS and Draft Supplement 16 adequately address the concerns of the Department regarding fish and wildlife resources, as well as species protected by the Endangered Species Act. We concur with the preliminary conclusions of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff with respect to the impacts of continued operations on these resources and species. We have no comment on the adequacy of other resource discussions presented in the document.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

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