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Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1  
Facility Operating License No. DPR-29  
NRC Docket No. 50-254

**Subject:** Commitment to Communicate Decision as to Whether to Continue Efforts to Locate and Retrieve Missing Dryer Material

**Reference:** Letter from T. J. Tulon (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U. S. NRC, "Transmittal of Lost Parts Analysis and Associated Operability Evaluation," dated November 28, 2003

Following a shutdown of Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station (QCNPS), Unit 1, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (EGC) completed detailed inspections of 100% of the accessible exterior and interior areas of the QCNPS Unit 1 steam dryer. On November 13, 2003, EGC identified that a portion of the damaged steam dryer outer hood bank was missing. Comprehensive inspections performed in an attempt to locate the missing dryer material were not successful.

A lost parts analysis addressing safety and operational concerns was performed by General Electric, and reviewed and accepted by EGC, to support plant operation for the remainder of the current operating cycle without recovery of the loose part. In addition, EGC performed an operability evaluation to support plant operation until the next refueling outage. The referenced letter transmitted the lost parts analysis and operability evaluation to the NRC.

The referenced letter also stated that EGC recognizes and is sensitive to the issue of long-term reactor operation without retrieval of the missing dryer material, and would make a decision prior to the next QCNPS Unit 1 refueling outage as to whether to continue the effort to locate and retrieve the missing dryer material. Our final decision, including the basis for the decision, will be communicated to the NRC at least six months prior to the start of the next QCNPS Unit 1 refueling outage, to allow adequate time for the NRC to review the factors considered and the basis for our decision. The next QCNPS Unit 1 refueling outage is currently scheduled to commence on March 1, 2005.

The following table identifies commitments made in this document by EGC. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by EGC. They are described to the NRC for the NRC's information and are not regulatory commitments.

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Commitment	Committed Date or Outage
EGC will submit a letter to the NRC documenting our decision as to whether to continue the effort to locate and retrieve the missing dryer material.	August 31, 2004

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Wally J. Beck at (309) 227-2800.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Timothy J. Tulon, written in black ink, with the text "for T.J. Tulon" written below it.

Timothy J. Tulon  
Site Vice President  
Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station

cc: Regional Administrator – NRC Region III  
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station