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Mr Pao-Tsin Kuo, Program Director License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Kuo:

We have reviewed your December 2003, biological assessment regarding impacts to threatened and endangered species resulting from the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2 license renewal. The operating license renewal is for an additional 20-year period for the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, on the east bank of Pool 14 of the Mississippi River between Lock and Dams 13 and 14, and 815.1-km (506.5 mi) upstream from its confluence with the Ohio River. We have the following comments.

No construction, refurbishment, or replacement activities are associated with the license renewal. Therefore, we concur with your findings that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect federally listed threatened and endangered species. Should the project be modified or new information indicate endangered species may be affected, consultation should be initiated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Heidi Woeber of my staff.

Sincerel Richard C. Nelson

Supervisor

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