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NRC FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM EXTENDED OPERATION OF DRESDEN AND QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR PLANTS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its final environmental impact statements on the proposed renewal of the operating licenses for the Dresden and Quad Cities nuclear power plants. In its statements, the NRC found there are no environmental impacts that would preclude license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation.

The Dresden nuclear facility is located nine miles east of Morris, Ill. The current operating licenses expire on December 22, 2009, for Unit 2 and January 12, 2011, for Unit 3. The Quad Cities nuclear facility is located 20 miles northeast of Moline, Ill. The current operating licenses expire on December 14, 2012, for Units 1 and 2. Exelon Generation Co., the operator of the plant, submitted an application for renewal of the licenses for both plants on January 3, 2003.

As part of its environmental review of the applications, the NRC held public meetings near each plant to discuss the scope of the review and the draft versions of the environmental impact statements. Comments were received from members of the public, local officials and representatives of State and Federal agencies.

The Dresden Final Environmental Impact Statement is available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement17/index.html> . Copies are also available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md.; the Morris Area Public Library, 604 West Liberty Street, Morris, Ill.; and the Coal City Public Library District, 85 North Garfield Street, Coal City, Ill.

The Quad Cities statement is available electronically on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement16/index.html> . The report is also available for public inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room; the Cordova District Library, 402 Main Avenue, Cordova, Ill.; the River Valley Library, 214 South Main Street, Port Byron, Ill.; and the Davenport Public Library, 321 Main Street, Davenport, Iowa.

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