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Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3 Facility Operating License No. DPR-25

NRC Docket No. 50-249

Subject:

Steam Dryer Inspection Plans

Reference:

Letter from K. R. Jury (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U. S. NRC,

"Commitments and Plans Related to Extended Power Uprate Operation," dated

May 12, 2004

In the referenced letter, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (EGC) committed to perform an inspection of the internal and external surfaces of the Dresden Nuclear Power Station (DNPS) Unit 3 steam dryer during the Fall 2004 refueling outage, using best effort VT-1 and VT-3 methods, including areas of the steam dryer previously inspected on Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station (QCNPS) Unit 2. Additionally, EGC committed to submit to the NRC the justification for those areas of the steam dryer not inspected.

The next DNPS Unit 3 refueling outage is currently scheduled to begin on October 26, 2004. During the outage, EGC plans to inspect the accessible areas of the steam dryer using a combination of best effort VT-1 and VT-3 methods. A comprehensive inspection plan has been developed to delineate the scope and method of inspections for the accessible internal and external surfaces of the steam dryer. The scope of inspections includes areas of the steam dryer previously inspected on the QCNPS Unit 2 steam dryer, and exceeds the recommendations described in General Electric Service Information Letter 644, Supplement 1, "BWR Steam Dryer Integrity," dated September 5, 2003.

If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Mr. Kenneth M. Nicely, at (630) 657-2803.

Respectfully,

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