March 9, 2006

Mr. Christopher M. Crane, President and Chief Nuclear Officer Exelon Generation Company, LLC 4300 Winfield Road Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: EXELON GENERATION COMPANY REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING

INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR

POWER STATION, UNIT 2 (TAC NO. MC9243)

Dear Mr. Crane:

By letters dated December 15, 2005 and February 13, 2006, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Exelon Generation Company, LLC (EGC), submitted affidavits dated December 13, 2005, and February 9, 2006, respectively, executed by B. F. Maurer, Acting Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing, Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC (Westinghouse), requesting that the information contained in the following documents be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

"NF-BEX-05-188 P-Attachment" - Attachment 5 to EGC Letter to the NRC, Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station Unit 2 Request for Technical Specification Change for Safety Limit Minimum Critical Power Ratio Letter, dated December 15, 2005

"NF-BEX-06-40 P-Attachment" - Attachment 2 to EGC Letter to the NRC, Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station Unit 2 Additional Information Supporting Request for Technical Specification Change for Safety Limit Minimum Critical Power Ratio dated February 13, 2006

Nonproprietary copies of these documents have been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room.

The affidavits stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (i) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse.
- (ii) The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Westinghouse and not customarily disclosed to the public.
  - (a) The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.

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(b) Its use by a competitor would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing a similar product.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the versions of "NF-BEX-05-188 P-Attachment," and "NF-BEX-06-40 P-Attachment," marked as proprietary, will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at (301) 415-2277.

Sincerely,

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Maitri Banerjee, Senior Project Manager Plant Licensing Branch III-2 Division of Operating Reactor Licensing Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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