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Dear Mr. Kobetz:

Your letter of June 6, 2006, transmitted the final set of NRC staff comments and requests for additional information (RAIs) regarding risk-informed Technical Specifications initiative 5B, and its associated guidance document, NEI 04-10, *Risk-Informed Method for Control of Surveillance Frequencies*. Subsequently, a meeting was conducted at Exelon's offices on July 13, 2006, to discuss the proposed responses to these RAIs and corresponding revisions to the NEI guidance document.

Enclosed for NRC review are the final versions of NEI 04-10 and the response to the NRC RAIs. Based on our discussions of July 13, we believe these responses close all issues raised by NRC in this regard. NRC stated at this meeting that the Limerick license amendment piloting initiative 5B could be issued by September 30, pending receipt of the enclosed information by July 31.

We look forward to NRC approval of the pilot application of this important risk-informed initiative. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Biff", followed by a large, stylized flourish that extends to the right.

Biff Bradley

Enclosures

c: Mr. Michael Tschiltz, NRC
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