October 20, 2003

Mr. John L. Skolds, President Exelon Nuclear Exelon Generation Company, LLC 4300 Winfield Road Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS OPERATION ABOVE THE LICENSED THERMAL POWER LIMITS AT THE BYRON STATION

Dear Mr. Skolds:

This refers to the public meeting held on September 18, 2003, in Lisle, Illinois, to discuss the operation of Byron Station above the licensed thermal power limits as a result of events related to Byron's ultrasonic feedwater flow measurement correction factor errors. This meeting served to provide a brief overview of Exelon's activities to date and proposed future actions to address this issue. Mr. Chip Pardee and other Exelon managers presented information concerning the investigations performed, root cause and immediate corrective actions associated with the technical issues, and plans to review the appropriateness of decisions made in handling this issue.

As discussed at the meeting, we are concerned with decisions and direction taken by the Byron Station management and that NRC involvement was necessary for timely resolution of the issue. We look forward to discussing your evaluation of the decision-making process and any lessons learned and corrective actions in the near future.

The handouts provided at the meeting by the Exelon staff and a listing of principal NRC and Exelon Nuclear attendees are attached as Enclosures 1 and 2 to this letter.

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If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact me at (630) 829-9733.

Sincerely,

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David Hills, Chief Mechanical Engineering Branch Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-454; 50-455 License Nos. NPF-37; NPF-66

Enclosures:

List of Principal Attendees
 Exelon Handout

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Senior Vice President - Nuclear Services
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# Byron Thermal Power Measurement Public Meeting

#### September 18, 2003

#### List of Principal Attendees

# **Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

- J. Caldwell, Regional Administrator
- G. Grant, Deputy Regional Administrator
- S. Reynolds, Acting Division Director, Division of Reactor Projects
- C. Pederson, Director, Division of Reactor Safety
- A. Stone, Chief, Reactor Projects Branch 3
- V. Mitlyng, Public Affairs Officer
- K. Lambert, Enforcement Coordinator
- M. Parker, Sr. Reactor Analyst,
- D. Hills. Chief, Mechanical Engineering Branch
- T. Bilik, Reactor Inspector

### Licensee

- K. Jury, Director, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
- J. Benjamin, Vice President, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
- C. Pardee, Senior Vice President, Nuclear Services
- J. Meister, Vice President, Engineering
- B. Kouba, Exelon Engineering Director
- B. Adams, Byron Site Engineering Director
- S. Kuczynski, Byron Site Vice President
- D. Hoots, Byron Plant Manager
- C. Dunn, Braidwood Site Engineering Director
- K. Ainger, Byron/Braidwood Licensing Manager
- J. Drowley, Mechanical Engineering Manager
- B. Grundmann, Byron Regulatory Assurance Manager
- K. Root, Braidwood Regulatory Assurance Manager
- D. Drawbaugh, Byron Regulatory Assurance

#### Westinghouse

- S. Hauser, Westinghouse, Exelon Project Manager
- R. Doney, Westinghouse, Manager, Plant Systems
- R. Hunter, Westinghouse, Vice President, Exelon Customer Relations

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- C. Thompson, Resident Inspector
- C. Settles, Head Resident Inspector Section

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Ernest Hauser, President - Nuclear