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SUBJECT: NRC Docket 52-016, UniStar Application for a New Combined Operating License at Calvert Cliffs - 14 February 2008 Federal Register Notice, Page 8719

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Maryland Power Plant Research Program (PPRP) is actively following the progress of UniStar's proposed plans to expand the generating capacity at the Calvert Cliffs site in Calvert County, Maryland. UniStar has submitted an application to the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), which would constitute a permit to construct the facility. PPRP coordinates the State's environmental and socioeconomic review of any power plant CPCN application and works with other State agencies to ensure that the State's concerns are addressed in the licensing process. In concert with the State agencies, we develop a list of recommended license conditions for the PSC to consider for inclusion in any CPCN that may be issued.

PPRP attended the NRC public scoping meeting on 19 March 2008, as well as portions of the site audit tour and meetings held on 17 and 18 March 2008. We appreciated the opportunity to meet the NRC staff and to share information about the State-level reviews taking place concurrently with the Federal-level evaluation. We look forward to a continuing open dialogue with the Staff on issues important to Maryland.

We have no specific input to the NRC's environmental impact statement (EIS) scoping process at this time. PPRP plans to thoroughly review the draft EIS when it is issued and will submit comments as appropriate.

We welcome the opportunity to participate in the NRC licensing process for Calvert Cliffs Unit 3 and look forward to further interaction in the NRC's development of the EIS.

Sincerely,

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