

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
)
CALVERT CLIFFS 3 NUCLEAR PROJECT, LLC,)
AND UNISTAR NUCLEAR OPERATING) Docket No. 52-016-COL
SERVICES, LLC)
)
(Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 3))

NRC STAFF ANSWER TO "STATE OF MARYLAND REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE"

Pursuant to Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 C.F.R.) § 2.309(h)(1), the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC staff) answers the "State of Maryland Request to Participate" (Request) filed on November 21, 2008. In its Request, Maryland states that it intends to participate as an interested state pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(c) because the proposed plant new nuclear facility would be located within Maryland. The Request designates the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to participate on behalf of the State of Maryland in this proceeding. The NRC Staff does not oppose Maryland's participation in this proceeding to the extent allowed by section 2.315(c).

Respectfully submitted,

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