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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject:

Exelon Nuclear Texas Holdings, LLC

Victoria County Station

Early Site Permit Application Expected Submission Date

NRC Project Number 0781

References:

- (1) Exelon Nuclear Texas Holdings, LLC letter to USNRC, Transition from Combined License Application to Early Site Permit, dated July 1, 2009
- (2) USNRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2009-03, Process for Scheduling Acceptance Reviews of New Reactor Licensing Applications After April 2009 and Process for Determining Budget Needs for Fiscal Year 2011, dated February 12, 2009
- (3) USNRC letter to NEI, Resolution of Early Site Permit Topic 6 (ESP-6), Use of Plant Parameter Envelope (PPE) Approach, dated February 3, 2003

In Reference 1, Exelon Nuclear Texas Holdings, LLC (Exelon) notified the NRC that it had decided to pursue an Early Site Permit (ESP) for the proposed Victoria County Station (VCS) site rather than a combined license, and committed to notify the NRC of the expected submittal date of the ESP application at least 90 days prior to the submittal in accordance with Reference 2.

In Reference 2, the NRC requested that, 90 days prior to the expected submission date, applicants declare their expected submission date (month, day, year) and the degree of complexity of each of its ESP, limited work authorization (LWA), standard design certification (DC), and partial or complete combined operating license (COL) applications that it intends to submit to the NRC.

Exelon expects to submit a complete ESP application for the proposed VCS site on or before March 31, 2010. Exelon has not selected a particular reactor design to be constructed at the ESP site. Therefore, the VCS ESP application will utilize the Plant Parameter Envelope (PPE) approach, which will establish the surrogate plant in the form of a set of bounding plant parameters. The PPE approach has been accepted by the



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NRC in Reference 3. The VCS ESP will include a complete and integrated emergency plan, which has already received significant NRC and FEMA review as part of the previously submitted VCS COL application. The ESP application will not include a request for an LWA.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact David J. Distel at (610) 765-5517.

Respectfully,

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