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December 17, 2009

Mr. Charles G. Pardee
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4300 Winfield Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNIT 1 – STATUS OF DECOMMISSIONING
FUNDING ASSURANCE (TAC NO. ME0531)

Dear Mr. Pardee:

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Subsequently, on July 29, 2009, Exelon submitted the updated market value of \$276.8 million for the decommissioning trust fund for LSCS, Unit 1, as of June 30, 2009. On August 27, 2009, Exelon also provided a SAFSTOR method for radiological decommissioning of LSCS, Unit 1, as of June 2009. The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's plan and determined that the licensee provides reasonable assurance of adequate decommissioning funding at the time permanent termination of operations is expected. Accordingly, the NRC staff concludes that no further action is required at this time to demonstrate adequate decommissioning funding assurance, according to NRC standards, for LSCS, Unit 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Goodwin".

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