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DRAFT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST

REQUIRED ACTIONS FOR INOPERABILITY OF AN

EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATOR

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By letter dated June 25, 2010 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System Accession No. ML101790064), Exelon Generation Company (Exelon or the licensee) requested an amendment to the Technical Specifications (TSs) for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (Oyster Creek). Specifically, the requested change would modify the actions required for the inoperability of an Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG).

1. The Oyster Creek TS Section 1.1, "Definitions" defines OPERABLE as follows, "A system, subsystem, train, component, or device shall be OPERABLE or have OPERABILITY when it is capable of performing its specified function(s). Implicit in this definition shall be the assumption that all necessary attendant instrumentation, controls, normal and emergency electrical power sources, cooling of seal water, lubrication or other auxiliary equipment that are required for the system, subsystem, train, component or device to perform its function(s) are also capable of performing their related support function(s)." Explain how it can be ensured that the inoperability of an EDG caused by an independently testable component does not affect the OPERABILITY of the opposite EDG if proposed TS 3.7.C.2.d.1 or TS 3.7.C.2.d.2 are not performed within 24 hours.
2. Identify all components of the EDG that are considered independently testable, which would be exceptions to the requirements of proposed TS 3.7.C.2.d.1 and TS 3.7.C.2.d.2.
3. The LAR states that "If a common cause failure is suspected, then the EDG will be verified to be operable by testing within 24 hours to confirm that a common cause failure does not exist." Describe the process or procedure differences, if any, between how a "suspected" common cause failure and the proposed TS 3.7.C.2.d.1, "Determining the remaining OPERABLE diesel generator is not inoperable due to common cause failure," are obtained.

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