

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

September 27, 2011

Mr. Michael J. Pacilio President and Chief Nuclear Officer Exelon Nuclear 4300 Winfield Road Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT:

LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 - WITHDRAWAL OF LICENSE

AMENDMENT REQUEST CONCERNING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION SECTION 3.7.3 "ULTIMATE HEAT SINK" (TAC NOS. ME6176 AND ME6177)

Dear Mr. Pacilio:

By letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated May 6, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML111290197), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (EGC, the licensee) submitted a request to amend Technical Specification 3.7.3, "Ultimate Heat Sink," for the LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, to reduce the allowed sedimentation in the core standby cooling system (CSCS) pond from  $\leq$  1.5 feet to  $\leq$  1.0 feet, which allows the temperature of the cooling water supplied to the plant to be increased from  $\leq$  101.25 °F to  $\leq$  101.95 °F resulting in a higher volume of cooling water available in the CSCS pond.

By letter dated August 15, 2011, (ADAMS Accession No. ML112210285), the NRC staff forwarded a request for additional information to EGC. Subsequently, by letter dated September 14, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML112580030), EGC informed the NRC staff that it was not able to provide the additional information within the requested timeframe and therefore was withdrawing their submittal. As a result, the NRC staff is treating the submittal as withdrawn.

The Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the *Federal Register* for publication.

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If you have any questions, please contact Araceli T. Billoch Colón (301) 415-3302.

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Araceli T. Billoch Colón, Project Manager Plant Licensing Branch III-2 Division of Operating Reactor Licensing Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-373, and 50-374

Enclosure:

Notice of Withdrawal

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION EXELON GENERATION COMPANY, LLC DOCKET NOS. 50-373 AND 50-374 NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE [NRC-2011-0051]

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has granted the request of Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon, or the licensee) to withdraw its May 6, 2011, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-11 and Facility Operating License No. NPF-18 for LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, respectively, in LaSalle County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment would have revised Technical Specification 3.7.3, "Ultimate Heat Sink," to reduced the allowed sedimentation in the core standby cooling system (CSCS) spond from  $\leq 1.5$  feet to  $\leq 1.0$  feet, which allows the temperature of the cooling water supplied to the plant to be increased from  $\leq 101.25$  °F to  $\leq 101.95$  °F resulting in a higher volume of cooling water available in the CSCS pond.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the *Federal Register* on June 28, 2011 (76 FR 37847). However, by letter dated September 14, 2011, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 6, 2011, and the licensee's letter dated September 14, 2011, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Room O1-F21.

11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <a href="http://www.nrc.glov/reading-rm/adams.html">http://www.nrc.glov/reading-rm/adams.html</a>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by email to <a href="mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov">pdr.resource@nrc.gov</a>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27 th day of September, 2011.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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