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December 16, 2011

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

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION – ACCEPTANCE
LETTER REGARDING RELIEF REQUESTS PR-01, VR-01, AND VR-02 FOR
FIFTH INSERVICE TESTING INTERVAL (TAC NOS. ME7616, ME7617, AND
ME7618)

Dear Mr. Pacilio:

By letter dated November 17, 2011 (Agencywide Documents and Access Management System Accession No. ML113250626), Exelon Nuclear submitted relief requests for Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS).

The proposed relief requests (PR-01, VR-01, and VR-02) would provide relief from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code for Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants associated with OCNGS fifth Inservice Testing interval.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of these relief requests. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(a)(3)(i) and 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed alternatives would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or that compliance with the specified requirements of Section 50.55a would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

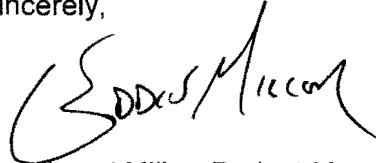
The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed relief request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

M. Pacilio

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-2481.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Edward Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "G." being particularly prominent.

G. Edward Miller, Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch I-2
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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