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February 6, 2012

Mr. Michael J. Pacilio  
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4300 Winfield Road  
Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION - REQUEST FOR  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING RELIEF REQUEST TO EXTEND  
THE FOURTH INSERVICE INSPECTION INTERVAL (TAC NO. ME7219)

Dear Mr. Pacilio:

By letter dated September 30, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML112730210), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon), submitted Relief Request R-41 for Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. Relief Request R-41 seeks relief from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*, Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components," in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.55a, "Codes and standards," paragraph (a)(3)(i). Relief Request R-41 proposes to extend the Inservice Inspection interval by 3 months.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing your submittal and has determined that additional information is required to complete the review. The specific information requested is addressed in the enclosure to this letter. The draft questions were sent via email on January 27, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML120270350), to Mr. Tom Loomis of your staff, to ensure that the questions were understandable, the regulatory basis for the questions was clear, and to determine if the information was previously docketed. During a discussion with Mr. Tom Loomis of your staff on February 2, 2012, it was agreed that you would provide a response by April 6, 2012.

Please note that if you do not respond to this letter by the agreed-upon date or provide an acceptable alternate date in writing, NRC may reject your request for relief under the provisions of 10 CFR 2.108, "Denial of application for failure to supply information."

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (301) 415-3100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Lamb".

John G. Lamb, Senior Project Manager  
Plant Licensing Branch I-2  
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-219

Enclosure:  
Request for Additional Information

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RELATED TO  
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FOR  
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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Identify the examinations that still remain to be completed in order to fulfill the 4<sup>th</sup> 10-year inspection interval examination requirements by Examination Category, Item Number and quantity.
2. The ASME Code (IWA-2430(d)(2)) allows the 5<sup>th</sup> inspection interval examinations to begin in the same outage that the final 4<sup>th</sup> inspection interval examinations are completed. This could be done without relief from the requirements of IWA-2430. Yet Relief Request R-41 states that the 5<sup>th</sup> interval will begin at the end of the requested 4<sup>th</sup> interval extension. Provide a projected schedule for the 5<sup>th</sup> interval examinations showing when examination periods would begin and end along with projected outage schedules in the examination periods. Justify why delaying the start of the 5<sup>th</sup> interval provides an acceptable level of quality and safety.

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