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JT,

Attached is the draft cultural resources RAIs. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!
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QUESTIONS for Environmental Projects Branch 2 (RAP2)

ESP EIS 4.6-1

CR -1 ESRP Sections 4.1.3 and 5.1.3 state that the EIS needs to consider all of the effects from the project on historic and cultural resources. Additionally, The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800) requires that Federal agencies consider the effect of undertakings on historic properties. 36 CFR 800.5(a)(i) states that cumulative effects can result in adverse effects to historic properties.

Therefore, cumulative impacts from past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions must be considered. The current ER does not address the cumulative effect of the project on historic and cultural resources. Provide an analysis of the cumulative effects from the proposed action on historic and cultural resources.

CR-2 ESRP Sections 4.1.3 and 5.1.3 state that the EIS needs to consider all of the effects from the project on historic and cultural resources. Additionally, The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800) requires that Federal agencies consider the effect of undertakings on historic properties. Components of the project will be built on the floodplain of the Guadalupe River. The ER does not discuss the types of resources that could be found on the floodplain nor the potential effect that could result from these activities. A discussion of the types of archaeological resources that have been found in the past along the river in the area is requested. Please include a discussion of archaeological finds that have been made on this landform in the region. Also, discuss what potential effects on historic and cultural resources could result from building and operating intake/discharge structures, pipelines, and the heavy haul road. Provide a discussion of the types of historic and cultural resources that have been found on the floodplain along the Guadalupe River in the region.

CR-3 ESRP Sections 4.1.3 and 5.1.3 state that the EIS needs to consider all of the effects from the project on historic and cultural resources. Additionally, The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800) requires that Federal agencies consider the effect of undertakings on historic properties. 36 CFR 800.4, "Identification of historic properties," requires that the agency identify what resources could be affected by the undertaking. Resources located on the property could be affected if a nuclear power plant is built. The spatial distribution of these resources may affect the nature of the project's effects. Provide a map showing the location of all significant resources including the contributing properties to the McFaddin Ranch Rural Historic Landscape which was designated by the THC on the VCS property.

CR-4 ESRP Sections 4.1.3 and 5.1.3 state that the State Historic Preservation Officer and any affected Native American tribes be given the opportunity to comment on the

effects from the proposed project on historic properties. Additionally, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800) requires that Federal agencies consult with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office and all Native American tribes that have an interest in the region concerning the consideration of historic properties. Exelon and their contractors have been in correspondence with the Texas Historical Commission concerning the identification of historic properties in the Area of Potential Effect. The correspondence will aid in understanding how historic properties were identified for the project and what resources the state of Texas feels should be considered. Provide a copy of the timeline and correspondence between Exelon and the THC concerning the project.

CR-5 ESRP Sections 4.1.3 and 5.1.3 state that the EIS needs to consider all of the effects from the project on historic and cultural resources. Additionally, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800) requires that Federal agencies consider the effect of undertakings on historic properties. 36 CFR 800.5(a)(i) states that cumulative effects can result in adverse effects to historic properties. The heavy haul road will extend beyond the boundaries of the VCS site. Historic and cultural resources may be found along the route of the road. All direct, indirect and cumulative effects on historic properties from the project need to be understood and disclosed. Include a discussion of the types of resources found along the Guadalupe River and the Victoria Barge Canal. Describe what resources could be affected by building the heavy haul road.

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