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Mr. Michael P. Gallagher
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SUBJECT: REVISION OF SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW OF THE LIMERICK GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

By letter dated June 22, 2011, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) submitted an application pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 54 (10 CFR Part 54), to renew Operating License NPF-39 and NPF-85 for Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 (LGS) for review by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff). This letter is to inform you about a schedule change in the LGS license renewal review.

The staff recognizes that final issuance of the renewed Limerick operating license must await the agency's response to a recent remand from the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia regarding the agency's waste confidence rule update (10 CFR Part 51.23). Nonetheless, the Commission has authorized the staff to proceed with its environmental and safety reviews of license applications in the interim. Consequently, the staff will continue both its safety and environmental reviews of the Limerick license renewal application while the agency formulates its response to the waste confidence remand. Because the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ("DSEIS") for Limerick discusses issues related to waste confidence, the staff will need additional time to ensure that the DSEIS is consistent with the Commission's directions on waste confidence. Hence, until the staff completes this process, the components of the schedule related to the environmental review are temporarily to be determined (TBD). As soon as possible, the Staff will issue a revised schedule that provides estimated completion dates for the environmental review. If the agency's ultimate resolution of the remanded waste confidence issues further impacts the analysis in the DSEIS or the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, the staff may issue a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement as appropriate. Such a supplement may further affect the staff's review schedule.

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Enclosed is a revised schedule for the review of the LGS license renewal application. The schedule has been updated to reflect a change in the date (i.e., TBD) for the issuance of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and the subsequent environmental review milestones.

If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Leslie Perkins by telephone at 301-415-2375 or by e-mail at leslie.perkins@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie A. Galloway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Melanie A. Galloway, Acting Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353

Enclosure:
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LIMERICK GENERATING STATION
 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
 REVISION OF SCHEDULE

Milestone	Schedule	Actual
Receive license renewal application (LRA)	06/22/11	06/22/11
Publish <i>Federal Register</i> Notice (FRN) - LRA receipt and availability	07/2011	07/26/11
Publish FRN - LRA acceptability, environmental scoping period, and opportunity for hearing	08/2011	08/24/11
Publish FRN -intent to conduct environmental scoping	08/2011	08/26/11
Public Meeting - license renewal process and environmental scoping	09/22/11	09/22/11
Audit - scoping and screening methodology	09/19-23/11	09/19-23/11
Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention	10/24/11	10/24/11
Environmental scoping periods ends	10/28/11	10/28/11
Audit - aging management programs (AMPs)	10/03-14/11	10/03-14/11
Audit - environmental	11/07-10/11	11/07-10/11
Inspection - scoping, screening, and AMPs	06/04-08/12 06/18-22/12	06/04-08/12 06/18-22/12
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open item(s)	07/2012	07/31/12
Issue draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS)	TBD*	
Publish FRN- draft SEIS available for comments	TBD*	
ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with open item(s)	09/2012	
Public Meeting - draft SEIS meeting	TBD*	
End of comment period for the draft SEIS	TBD*	
Issue final SER	01/2013	
ACRS Full Committee meeting on SER	02/2013	
Issue final SEIS	TBD*	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FRN - Availability of final SEIS	TBD*	
NRR decision	TBD*	

* To be determined (TBD)

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