

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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April 30, 2013

Mr. Michael P. Gallagher Vice President License Renewal Projects Exelon Generation Company, LLC 200 Exelon Way Kennett Square, PA 19348

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT PLANT-SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENT 49

TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS REGARDING LIMERICK GENERATING

STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed draft plant-specific Supplement 49 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS)," regarding the renewal of operating licenses NPF-39 and NPF-85 for an additional 20 years of operation for Limerick Generating Station (LGS), Units 1 and 2. Enclosed is a copy of the draft supplement and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the draft supplement is publicly available at the NRC public document room (PDR) or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The Accession Number for draft Supplement 49 to the GEIS is ML13120A078. In addition, the Pottstown Regional Public Library, located at 500 East High Street, Pottstown, PA 19464 and the Royerford Free Public Library, located at 200 South 4th Avenue, Royersford, PA 16468 have agreed to make the draft supplement available for public inspection.

As discussed in Chapter 9.4 of the draft supplement, the preliminary recommendation is that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for LGS are not great enough to deny the option of license renewal for energy-planning decisionmakers. This recommendation is based on: (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) the LGS Environmental Report; (3) consultation with Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments received during the scoping process.

A separate Notice of Availability of the draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Ms. Leslie Perkins, at 301-415-2375 or by e-mail at leslie.perkins@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

David J. Wrona, Chief

Projects Branch 2

Division of License Renewal

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353

Enclosure: As stated

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ADAMS Accession Nos:

- 1. Package:
- 2. Letter w/Svc List, ML13058A384
- 3. "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 49": ML13120A078
- 4. FRN Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplement 49 GEIS: ML13058A481

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Letter to M. Gallagher from D. Wrona dated April 30, 2013

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT PLANT-SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENT 49 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS REGARDING LIMERICK GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

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Exelon Generation Company, LLC

[Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353; NRC-2011-0166]

Notice of Availability of Draft Supplement 49 to the Generic

Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants and Public Meetings for the License Renewal of Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a draft plant-specific supplement 49 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating licenses NPF-39 and NPF-85 for an additional 20 years of operation for Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 (LGS). LGS is located in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be considered, comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS and the proposed action must be received by June 27, 2013. The NRC staff is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publically available, by searching on http://www.regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC-2011-0166. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC-2011-0166. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.
- Mail comments to: Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives
 Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
 Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.
 - Fax comments to: RADB at 301-492-3446.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

All comments received by the NRC, including those made by Federal, State, and local agencies; Native American Tribes; or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the NRC's public document room (PDR) in Rockville, Maryland, and through ADAMS.

Comments received after the due date will be considered only if it is practical to do so.

The NRC staff will hold public meetings prior to the close of the public comment period to present an overview of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comments on the document. Two meetings will be held at the Sunnybrook Ballroom, 50 North Sunnybrook Road, Pottstown, PA 19464 on Thursday, May 23, 2013. The first session will convene at 2:00 p.m. and will continue until 4:00 p.m., as necessary. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 9:00 p.m., as necessary. The meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation of the contents of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same

location. No comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing. Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Ms. Leslie Perkins, the NRC Environmental Project Manager, at 1-800-368-5642, extension 2375, or by e-mail at *leslie.perkins@nrc.gov* no later than Friday, May 10, 2013. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Ms. Perkins' attention no later than Friday, May 10, 2013, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Leslie Perkins, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2375 or e-mail to leslie.perkins@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

A. Accessing Information

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 Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced.
- NRC's PDR: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition, a copy of the draft supplement to the GEIS is available to local residents near the site at the Pottstown Regional Public Library, 500 East High Street, Pottstown, PA 19464 and Royersford Free Public Library, 200 4th Avenue, Royerfords, PA 19468.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2011-0166 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at http://www.regulations.gov as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that

they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, 30th this day of April, 2013

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

David J. Wrona, Chief

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