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Executive Committee Resolution #13-187



RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN SUPPORT OF THE RENEWAL OF THE OPERATING LICENSE OF THE EXELON GENERATION BRAIDWOOD NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

WHEREAS, energy generation is a vital component of the economy of Will County and the State of Illinois, and a key input in our manufacturing, technology and service sectors, and

WHEREAS, maintaining a reliable and cost-competitive energy supply benefits consumers and helps retain and attract jobs, and

WHEREAS, a strong, diverse and competitive energy generation industry not only brings direct economic benefit in the form of high-paying, skilled jobs, it also supports thousands of additional jobs across the economic spectrum, and

WHEREAS, since 1988, the Braidwood Nuclear Generating Station has made significant contributions to the local and regional economy, and

WHEREAS, the Braidwood Generating Station produces electricity to power two million homes without generating any carbon emissions into the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Braidwood Generating Station employs nearly 900 full-time staff and supports thousands of additional jobs through vendors and maintenance contracts benefiting area building trades and small companies, and

WHEREAS, the Braidwood Generating Station creates additional community benefits through tax payments, charitable involvement and sponsorships and maintaining wildlife habitat available to area sportsmen, and

WHEREAS, the Braidwood Generating Station has shown a strong commitment to environmental stewardship and responsiveness to community concerns and has collaborated closely with area emergency responders to enhance safety and security for area residents, and

WHEREAS, the Braidwood Generating Station and its owners are committed to continued collaboration with local government regarding equitable property assessments and diligent response and attention to environmental issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Braidwood Generating Station has applied to the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the renewal of its operating license, and the Will County Board expresses its support for the renewal of the operating license of the Braidwood Nuclear Generating Station and urges the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to expeditiously approve the pending license renewal application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18th day of July, 2013.

Vote: Yes <u>25</u> No <u>0</u> Pass (SEAL)

Approved this <u>24+h</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2013.

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