### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

# ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

William J. Froehlich, Chairman Dr. Michael F. Kennedy Dr. William E. Kastenberg

In the Matter of

EXELON GENERATION COMPANY, LLC

(Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2)

Docket Nos. 50-352-LR, 50-353-LR

ASLBP No. 12-916-04-LR-BD01

November 18, 2013

<u>ORDER</u>

(Denying Exelon's Petition for Certification of Waste Confidence-Related Question to the Commission)

On November 12, 2013, Exelon Generation Company, LLC ("Exelon") petitioned the

Board to certify the following question to the Commission:

Given the advanced stage of its waste confidence rulemaking (*i.e.*, issuance of the Proposed Rule and supporting DGEIS), does the Commission intend to promptly authorize the Board to lift the abeyance on NRDC's Proposed Contention related to waste confidence issues, such that the Board may disposition the only remaining contention in the adjudicatory proceeding on Exelon's license renewal application for Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 ("Limerick")?<sup>1</sup>

For the reasons stated in the <u>Davis-Besse</u> order<sup>2</sup> issued this day, Exelon's essentially identical

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exelon's Petition for Certification of Waste Confidence-Related Question to the Commission Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.323(f)(2) at 2 (Nov. 12, 2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Licensing Board Order (Denying FENOC's [FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company] Petition for Certification of Waste Confidence-Related Question to the Commission) (Nov. 18, 2013) (unpublished).

petition in this case is DENIED. Given this ruling, answers to Exelon's petition need not be filed.

It is so ORDERED.

THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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William J. Froehlich, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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Dr. Michael F. Kennedy ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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Dr. William E. Kastenberg ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland November 18, 2013

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing ORDER (Denying Exelon's Petition for Certification of Waste Confidence-Related Question to the Commission) have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013