UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Paul S. Ryerson, Chairman Alex S. Karlin Dr. Jeffrey D.E. Jeffries

In the Matter of

EXELON GENERATION COMPANY, LLC

(Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 & 3)

Docket Nos. 50-237-EA and 50-249-EA

ASLBP No. 14-930-01-EA-BD01

February 5, 2014

ORDER (Concerning Instructions for Oral Argument)

As previously directed, the Board will hear oral argument concerning standing and the sufficiency of the hearing request at 9:30 a.m. Central Standard Time on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at the Grundy County Court House, located at 111 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois.¹

As also previously directed, Petitioner's reply is due February 14, 2014.² If deemed necessary, motions to strike some or all of Petitioner's reply may be made orally on March 6. The Board does not wish to receive written motions to strike.

At the argument, each of the three participants will be allowed the opportunity to make a brief opening statement, not to exceed ten minutes. The Board expects, however, that the argument will consist primarily of responses to the Board's questions. Additionally, in order to facilitate the proceeding and to make it more efficient, the Board wishes to receive written responses to certain questions in advance. On or before February 28, 2014, each participant

¹ <u>See</u> Order (Setting Prehearing Conference) (Jan. 15, 2014) (unpublished).

² <u>See</u> Order (Granting Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time) (Jan. 31, 2014) (unpublished).

shall submit a memorandum that addresses the following questions:

- 1. Does 10 C.F.R. § 2.202(a)(3) apply to the October 28, 2013 Confirmatory Order?
- If section 2.202(a)(3) applies, did the Confirmatory Order adequately inform "any other person affected by the order" of the right to "demand" a hearing pursuant to section 2.202(a)(3)?
- 3. If section 2.202(a)(3) applies, must a "licensee or any other person adversely affected" also demonstrate standing under 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(d)?
- If section 2.202(a)(3) applies, must a "licensee or any other person adversely affected" also satisfy the requirements of 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(f)(1)?
- 5. Both Petitioner and Exelon extensively discuss decisions in the <u>Consumers Power</u> <u>Co.</u> (Palisades Nuclear Power Facility) case from 1981 and 1982.³ Of what significance, if any, are the subsequent 1991 regulatory amendments,⁴ which established for the first time the duty of the NRC to inform "any other person adversely affected by the order of his or her right . . . to demand a hearing" under 10 C.F.R. § 2.202(a)(3)?
- 6. The participants appear to disagree as to whether the Confirmatory Order imposes new obligations on individual employees beyond those already imposed by NRC regulations or otherwise. Is this a fact issue that warrants or requires the Board's consideration of evidence?
- What is the status of the unfair labor practice charge that Petitioner filed with Region
 13 of the National Labor Relations Board on December 4, 2013?

³ <u>See, e.g.</u>, Petition to Intervene and Request for Hearing (Dec. 12, 2013) at 8 n.6 (citing <u>In re</u> <u>Consumers Power Co.</u> (Palisades Nuclear Power Facility), 14 NRC 247, 1981 NRC LEXIS 85 at *18–20 (1981), <u>rev'd on other grounds</u>, 15 NRC 493, 1982 NRC LEXIS 197 (1982)); Exelon's Answer Opposing the Petition to Intervene and Hearing Request Filed By Local Union No. 15, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO (Jan. 24, 2014) at 16 (citing <u>Consumers Power Co.</u> (Palisades Nuclear Power Facility), LBP-81-26, 14 NRC 247 (1981)).

⁴ <u>See</u> Revisions to Procedures to Issue Orders; Deliberate Misconduct by Unlicensed Persons, 56 Fed. Reg. 40,684 (Aug. 15, 1991).

- 8. What is the status of Exelon's implementation of the Confirmatory Order, including dates by which the various required actions were, or will be, performed?
- 9. If the Board were to order a hearing, would such a hearing more appropriately be conducted under the formal procedures set forth in 10 C.F.R. Part 2 Subpart G or under the simplified procedures set forth in Subpart L?⁵

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

/RA/

Paul S. Ryerson, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland February 5, 2014

⁵ <u>See</u> 10 C.F.R. § 2.310(b).

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB ORDER (CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONS FOR **ORAL ARGUMENT**) have been served upon the following persons by the Electronic Information Exchange.

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