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Subject: Clinton Power Station, Unit 1 - Request to Revise Technical Specification 5.5.2, "Primary Coolant Sources Outside of Containment (TAC No. MF5291)"

Mr. Byam:

By application dated November 17, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14321A882), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (the licensee) submitted a request to revise Technical Specification (TS) 5.5.2, "Primary Coolant Sources Outside Containment," for Clinton Power Station (CPS), Unit 1. Currently, TS 5.5.2 requires that an integrated leak test be performed on each system subject to TS 5.5.2 at refueling cycle intervals or less. The proposed change would require this test to be performed at least once per 24 months and applies surveillance requirement 3.0.2 to this requirement. The reason for the request is to support the CPS transition from 2-year to 1-year refueling cycles.

The purpose of this email is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this application. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license, including the technical specifications, must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed relief request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

Sincerely,

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