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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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PUBLIC MEETING RE
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR
LASALLE, UNITS 1 AND 2

EVENING SESSION

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TUESDAY

MARCH 10, 2015

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LASALLE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(7:00 p.m.)

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3 MR. HAGAR: Good evening to everybody.
4 Thanks for showing up. My name is Bob Hagar, I'm a
5 member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commissions meeting
6 facilitation corps. And my role in this meeting has
7 really three parts. One is, I'm going to try to keep
8 us, have the meeting run smoothly. And second, I'm
9 going to make sure that everybody who has something to
10 say in this meeting has a chance to say it. And I'm
11 going to try to keep us on schedule.

12 So with that, I'm going to cover a few
13 details about this meeting that I think you need to know.
14 First of all, I think everyone knows that Exelon has
15 applied to renew the LaSalle County Station operating
16 licenses for both units. The NRC is reviewing that
17 application. As part of that review, they're going to
18 review the environmental impacts of a license renewal.
19 And the NRC wants input from you to help focus that
20 review.

21 So this meeting is going to have three
22 parts. The introduction is what we're doing right now.
23 As soon as we're done with this, the NRC will give a
24 presentation. First, a member of the NRC staff will
25 introduce the other members of the NRC staff. And then

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1 they'll give a presentation that describes the license
2 renewal process with a focus on the safety reviews and
3 the environmental reviews, and the public's role in
4 those reviews.

5 Then we'll do, part three of this meeting
6 is going to be question and answers about the
7 presentation materials. Because we want to insure that
8 everyone here understands what the NRC told you in the
9 presentation.

10 And then finally, we'll have public
11 comments. This is where the NRC staff is asking the
12 public for information to help them focus their
13 environmental reviews.

14 Now, we're having this meeting recorded
15 because the NRC has to produce a transcript of this
16 meeting to be a public record. In order for the
17 transcript to be complete and accurate, the recording
18 has to be complete. So we got, and to insure that the
19 recording is complete, we have to establish some ground
20 rules.

21 First of all, if you're going to speak in
22 this meeting, you need to speak into a microphone. And
23 we'll make sure you do that, and I'll tell you how we'll
24 do that when we get to that part. The first time you
25 speak we'll want you to identify yourself, and if you

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1 represent a group, please identify the group you
2 represent. If your name is somewhat unusual, or if your
3 name has an unusual spelling, we'd like you to also spell
4 your name. And I appreciate you doing that.

5 We want to minimize any background noise.
6 So please avoid any conversations off to the side.
7 Because if the recording picks up two people speaking
8 at the same time, we can't tell what either one of them
9 is saying. And we want the recording to be complete and
10 accurate.

11 And finally, if you haven't already, please
12 silence your personal electronics. Silence your cell
13 phone in particular. Now I recognize you can't, some
14 of you can't afford to disconnect yourself from the rest
15 of the world during this meeting. So, and so you'll
16 need to leave your phones on, if you do, just please
17 leave it on silent. And if you get a call, please step
18 out into the hallway to take that call, so that no part
19 of your personal conversation becomes part of the
20 record.

21 Any questions about the ground rules?
22 Okay, I'm going to turn the meeting now over to Jeff
23 Mitchell. He's going to introduce the NRC staff and
24 he's going, he'll start off the NRC presentation.

25 When that's done I'll come back and we'll

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1 talk about the questions and answers.

2 MR. MITCHELL: The passing of the
3 microphone. Okay. Good evening, my name is Jeff
4 Mitchell. I'm the Safety Project Manager in the
5 Division of License Renewal, and I'm coordinating the
6 staff's review associated with the LaSalle County
7 Station license renewal application. Thank you all for
8 taking the time to come to this meeting this evening and
9 I saw many of you who came this afternoon as well.

10 I'd like to introduce the following Nuclear
11 Regulatory Commission representatives in attendance
12 this evening to support this meeting.

13 Chris Miller is the Director of the
14 Division of License Renewal. Brian Wittick is the
15 Branch Chief in the Division of License Renewal. David
16 Drucker is the Environmental Project Manager. Rob
17 Ruiz, who is not able to be here this evening is the
18 Senior Resident Inspector at LaSalle. John Robbins is
19 the Resident Inspector at LaSalle. Also, from the
20 Region, Mike Kunowski is the Branch Chief with LaSalle,
21 amongst several other plants. Harral Logaras is the
22 liaison for the local government. And Stu Sheldon is
23 the Regional Inspector that will be performing some of
24 the inspections at the plant.

25 Tonight we'll provide an overview of the

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1 license renewal review process which includes both a
2 safety review and an environmental review. We'll
3 describe ways in which the public can participate in the
4 LaSalle license renewal process. I'd like to reiterate
5 that the most important part of tonight's meeting is to
6 receive any comments that you might have on the scope
7 of the environmental review. We will also give you some
8 information about how you can submit comments if you
9 prefer not to speak at this meeting.

10 I hope the information we provide will help
11 you understand the license renewal review process and
12 the role you all can have in this process.

13 All right. You'd think I'd be able to do
14 this better. Before I get into the discussion of the
15 license renewal process, I'd like to take a minute to
16 talk about the NRC in terms of what we do and what our
17 mission is.

18 The NRC is a Federal agency that regulates
19 the civilian use of nuclear material. The Atomic
20 Energy Act authorizes the NRC to grant a 40 year
21 operating license for nuclear power reactors. I'd like
22 to highlight that this 40 year term was based primarily
23 on economic considerations and anti-trust factors, not
24 on safety or technical limitations. The Atomic Energy
25 Act also allows for license renewal.

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1 The National Environmental Policy Act of
2 1969 or NEPA, established a national policy for
3 considering the impact of federal decision making on the
4 human environment. David Drucker will discuss NEPA in
5 greater detail later in this briefing.

6 The NRC's mission is three-fold. To
7 insure adequate protection of public health and safety.
8 To promote the common defense and security. And to
9 protect the environment. The NRC accomplishes its
10 mission through a combination of regulatory programs
11 and processes, such as establishing rules and
12 regulations, conducting inspections, issuing
13 enforcement actions, assessing licensee performance.

14 We also evaluate operating experience from
15 nuclear plants across the country and internationally
16 as well. The NRC has resident inspectors at all
17 operating nuclear power plants. That's Rob Ruiz and
18 John Robbins. These inspectors are considered the eyes
19 and ears of the NRC. They carry out our safety mission
20 on a daily basis and are on the front lines of insuring
21 acceptable safety performance and compliance with
22 regulatory requirements.

23 Next slide, please.

24 The NRC received Exelon's application for
25 license renewal for the LaSalle plant on December 9,

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1 2014, requesting an additional 20 years of operation.
2 The current operating licenses for LaSalle Units 1 and
3 2, expire in 2022, and 2023 respectively. Licensees
4 can submit an application for license renewal after they
5 have operated for 20 years. The NRC has determined
6 that 20 years of operation provides enough information
7 for the staff to make an informed decision on license
8 renewal.

9 The first step of the license renewal
10 process is to perform an acceptance and sufficiency
11 review of the application. The purpose of this review
12 is to determine if the applicant has provided the
13 required information. The required information
14 includes one, technical information about plant
15 structures and components and how the applicant
16 proposes to manage the aging of the structures and
17 components.

18 Two, technical specifications that define
19 the operating parameters of the plant. The application
20 indicates if any changes or additions to technical
21 specification are necessary to manage the affects of
22 aging during the period of extended operation.

23 The applicant also includes an
24 environmental report which is the applicant's
25 assessment of the environmental impact of continued

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1 operation. If the application has the required
2 information, it is considered acceptable, and the NRC
3 staff will perform a full review. And we have
4 considered, we have performed the acceptance review and
5 have accepted the application.

6 This flowchart highlights the license
7 renewal, highlights that the license renewal process
8 involves two parallel reviews, the safety review and the
9 environmental review. These two reviews evaluate
10 separate aspects of the license renewal application.
11 It also features three other considerations in the
12 Commission's decision of whether or not to renew an
13 operating license.

14 One of these considerations is the
15 independent review performed by the Advisory Committee
16 on Reactor Safeguards, commonly referred to by its
17 acronym, the ACRS. Statutorily mandated by the Atomic
18 Energy Act of 1954, the ACRS is a group of scientists
19 and nuclear safety experts who serve as a consulting
20 body to the Commission.

21 The ACRS reviews the license renewal
22 application, the NRC staff's safety evaluation and
23 inspection findings. The ACRS reports their findings
24 and recommendations directly to the Commission.

25 The dotted lines show that the hearings may

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1 also be conducted if interested stakeholders submit
2 concerns or contentions and their request for a hearing
3 is granted. The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, an
4 adjudicatory panel, will conduct the hearings.

5 The Commission considers the outcome of the
6 hearing process in its decision on whether or not to
7 issue a renewed operating license. As part of the
8 environmental review, the staff consults with local,
9 state, federal and tribal officials. The staff also
10 holds public meetings to receive comments on the draft
11 EIS, Environmental Impact Statement.

12 Now I'm going to describe the license
13 renewal review processes in a little more detail
14 starting with the safety review.

15 To better understand the license renewal
16 process, it's good to know the safety principles that
17 guide license renewal. The first principle is that the
18 current regulatory process is adequate to insure that
19 the licensing basis of all operating plants provides and
20 maintains an acceptable level of safety.

21 The second principle is that the current
22 plant specific licensing basis must be maintained
23 during the renewal term, in the same manner and to the
24 same extent as during the original license term. In
25 other words, the same rules that apply under the current

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1 license, will apply during the renewal term. In
2 addition, a renewed license will include conditions
3 that must be met to insure aging of structures and
4 components, important to safety, is adequately managed
5 so that the plant's current licensing basis is
6 maintained during this period of extended operation.

7 The safety review focuses on the aging of
8 passive and long lived structures and components and
9 systems that the NRC deems important to plant safety.

10 We consider one, the safety related
11 systems, structures and components. For example,
12 reactor containment. Two, non-safety related systems,
13 structures and components which, if they failed, could
14 affect safety related systems, structures and
15 components functions. For example, a piece of
16 equipment directly above a safety related component.
17 And third, systems, structures and components related,
18 relied upon for compliance with regulations for fire
19 protection, environmental qualification, pressurized
20 thermal shock, anticipated transient without scram and
21 station blackout.

22 The staff's main objective in this review
23 is to determine if the effects of aging will be
24 adequately managed by the applicant. The results of
25 the safety review are documented in a Safety Evaluation

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1 Report or SER.

2 Now that you know what is the subject to
3 review, I'll talk about how the NRC looks at all the
4 information.

5 The safety review consists of numerous,
6 rigorous aspects. A technical staff reviews the
7 applicant's license renewal application and supporting
8 documentation to, one, determine the applicant's
9 methodology to identify these systems, structures and
10 components within the scope of the license renewal and
11 subject to aging management review.

12 Two, determine if the methodology has been
13 properly implemented, and three to determine, with
14 reasonable assurance, that the affects of aging for
15 certain systems, structures and components will be
16 adequately managed or monitored by new and existing
17 programs and surveillance activities.

18 The staff uses site audits, or visits, to
19 verify the technical basis of the license renewal
20 application and to confirm that the applicant's aging
21 management programs and activities conform with how
22 they are described in the application. The staff
23 documents the basis and conclusions of its review in a
24 Safety Evaluation Report, the SER, which is publicly
25 available. In addition, a team of specialized

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1 inspectors travels to the reactor site to verify that
2 aging management programs are being implemented,
3 modified or plant consistent with the license renewal
4 application.

5 Finally, as I've mentioned, the Advisory
6 Committee on Reactor Safeguards performs and
7 independent review of the license renewal application,
8 the staff Safety Evaluation Report and inspection
9 findings and makes a recommendation to the Commission
10 regarding the proposed action to issue a renewed
11 operating license.

12 This slide shows important milestones for
13 the safety review process. And it's important to note
14 that these dates are tentative. Schedule changes may
15 result from a host of reasons. If significant issues
16 are identified, the license renewal review may be
17 suspended indefinitely or terminated, or simply the
18 schedule modified to accommodate.

19 This concludes the description of the
20 safety review. The environmental review will be
21 discussed by the environmental project manager, David
22 Drucker.

23 MR. DRUCKER: Thank you, Jeff. Good
24 evening, my name is David Drucker and I am the License
25 Renewal Departmental Project Manager. In the next few

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1 slides, I'm going to walk you through an overview of the
2 environmental review process. The review is performed
3 in accordance with the National Environmental Policy
4 Act, commonly referred to as NEPA. And NEPA
5 established a national policy for considering
6 environmental impacts and provides the basic
7 architecture for Federal environmental use.

8 All Federal agencies must follow a
9 systematic approach in evaluating potential impacts,
10 and also to assess alternatives to those actions. The
11 NEPA process involves public participation and public
12 disclosure. The NRC's environmental regulations
13 implementing the requirements of NEPA, are contained in
14 Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations Part 51. And I've
15 placed a, part of that Title 10 Code of Federal
16 Regulations, Brian is holding up the manual out there
17 on the table.

18 Our environmental review considers the
19 impact of license renewal and any mitigation of those
20 impacts considered significant. We also consider the
21 impacts of alternatives to the license renewal
22 including impact of not issuing a renewed license. We
23 document our review in an Environment Impact Statement
24 which is made publicly available.

25 The proposed action is to issue renewed

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1 licenses. The purpose and need of the proposed action
2 is to provide an option that allows for power generation
3 capabilities beyond the term of the current nuclear
4 plant operating licenses to meet future system
5 generating needs as such needs may be determined by
6 other energy planning decision makers not the NRC.

7 This definition of purpose and need
8 reflects the NRC's recognition that, unless there are
9 findings in the safety review required by the Atomic
10 Energy Act, or findings in the environmental analysis
11 that would lead the NRC to reject the license renewal
12 application, the NRC does not have a role in energy
13 planning decisions of state regulators and or public
14 utilities as to whether a particular nuclear power plant
15 should continue to operate.

16 Next slide.

17 The NRC staff analyzes a wide range of
18 potential impacts to areas such as those shown on the
19 slide, please click through those, one more click.

20 Initially we consult with various federal,
21 state and local officials as well as leaders of Tribal
22 Nations. Examples include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
23 Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the
24 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois
25 Forest Preservation Agency, and Tribal Nations with

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1 historic ties to the area around the plant. We gather
2 pertinent information from these sources and insure it
3 is considered in our analysis.

4 The environmental review begins with a
5 scoping process, which is an assessment of the specific
6 impacts and significant issues that the staff should
7 consider in preparing the environmental impact
8 statement. Currently, this is where we are in the
9 process, we're in the scoping process. Information
10 that we gather from you tonight, and in the next few
11 weeks, will be considered in the development of the
12 environmental impact statement.

13 Some impacts are similar, if not identical,
14 at all nuclear power plants. So to improve efficiency,
15 we developed a generic environmental impact statement
16 that addresses a number of impacts common to all nuclear
17 power plants, and Brian Wittick is holding up a copy of
18 the three volumes that make up our generic environmental
19 impact statements. And there are CDs available with
20 that document on them, right on the table there with
21 Brian.

22 The staff supplements that generic
23 environmental impact statement with a site specific
24 environmental impact statement in which we will address
25 issues that are specific to LaSalle. The staff also

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1 re-examines the conclusions reached in the generic
2 environmental impact statement, to determine if there
3 is any new significant information that would change
4 those conclusions.

5 The scoping period started on February 3,
6 2015, when the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS and
7 conduct scoping was published in the Federal Register.
8 The NRC will accept comments on the scope of the
9 environmental review until April 6, 2015.

10 In general, we are looking for information
11 about the environmental impacts from the continued
12 operation of LaSalle. You can assist this process by
13 telling us, for example, what aspects of your local
14 community we should focus on. What local
15 environmental, social and economic issues the NRC
16 should examine during our review and what other major
17 projects are in progress or planned in the area. And
18 finally, what reasonable alternatives are most
19 appropriate for this region.

20 These are just some of the examples of the
21 input we seek through the environmental scoping
22 process. We don't know your community as well as you
23 do so your comments will help insure a thorough review.

24 Public comments are an important part of
25 the environmental review process. So, how do we use

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1 your comments? Well, all of your comments, whether
2 provided verbally during this meeting, or written in a
3 letter, or in an e-mail, are considered and addressed.
4 We respond to each comment as part of the environmental
5 review process. The EIS is one of the factors, as well
6 as some that are shown here on the slide, that influences
7 the decision to renew the license or not.

8 I would like to mention several important
9 areas of NRC oversight that routinely come up during our
10 interactions with members of the public. NRC staff
11 address these areas of performance every day as a part
12 of ongoing regulatory oversight provided for all
13 currently operating power plants. They include
14 current safety performance, and emergency preparedness
15 and security. And on the slide I've provided under the
16 current safety performance, the website where you could
17 find current safety performance for LaSalle. That
18 information is on the slide, so you don't need to write
19 that down.

20 So the important thing to note here is that
21 the NRC is monitoring these activities every day. So
22 we do not re-evaluate them in license renewal.

23 This slide shows the important milestones
24 for the environmental review process. These dates are
25 subject to change based on the process, how that review

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1 goes. The opportunity to submit environmental scoping
2 comments closes on April 6, 2015.

3 Please note, and as Jeff discussed earlier,
4 this is the same last day to submit contentions for a
5 hearing. Please note that a draft supplemental
6 environmental impact statement is scheduled to be
7 issued for public comment in February of 2016, with an
8 associated public meeting to receive your comments on
9 this preliminary document.

10 In addition to providing verbal and written
11 comments in this meeting, there are other ways that you
12 can submit comments. You can provide written comments,
13 by e-mail, at the address provided at the top of the
14 slide. You can submit comments online using the
15 Federal Rule Making website at regulations.gov. And
16 you want to enter the keyword NRC-2014-0268, because
17 that's specific to the LaSalle license renewal
18 application review. You can e-mail me your comments,
19 and please note that comments will not be edited to
20 remove any identifying or contact information, so
21 please do not include any information in the comments,
22 that you do not want to publicly disclosed.

23 And as I mentioned, the deadline for the
24 comments during the scoping review, at the bottom of the
25 slide, April 6, 2015.

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1 Jeff and I are the primary points of contact
2 at the NRC for the license renewal review for LaSalle.
3 Our contact information is provided on this slide. And
4 again, the slides are available hardcopy on the desk out
5 there.

6 Hardcopies of the license renewal
7 application and the environmental report can be found
8 at the library shown on the slide and I also have CDs
9 with the license renewal application on the table in the
10 hallway. These documents will also be on the NRCs
11 website at the web address shown at the bottom of the
12 slide. And, as you came in, you were asked to fill out
13 a registration card at our reception table. If you've
14 included your address on that card, I will mail you a
15 CD copy the draft and the final EIS.

16 This concludes my presentation. I turn
17 the microphone back to Bob Hagar. Thank you.

18 MR. HAGAR: All right, that was the NRC
19 presentation that constituted Part Two of this meeting,
20 so we'll move right into Part Three.

21 Does anyone here have any questions about
22 the material you've just seen? Anything you want the
23 NRC to cover again or any questions, anything you want
24 them to clear up?

25 Okay, I see no hands. Now we've invited

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1 the public to participate by phone, so let me check in
2 with the operator and ask the operator, is there anyone,
3 do we have any participants on the phone?

4 OPERATOR: We do have three participants,
5 and if you would like to ask a question, please hit *1
6 so we know that you want to ask a question.

7 One moment.

8 MR. HAGAR: Okay, so we'll just standby and
9 give the members of the public on the phone a chance to
10 hit the right buttons and be recognized.

11 OPERATOR: It looks like we have one
12 question queuing up, one moment.

13 Our question is from Linda Lewison, your
14 line is open.

15 MS. LEWISON: Thank you, this is Linda
16 Lewison, from Chicago, I'm with Nuclear Energy
17 Information Service, a watchdog on the nuclear industry
18 in Illinois and I'm with the Sierra Club National Core
19 team Nuclear Free Campaign.

20 My questions are about the storage of
21 radioactive waste at LaSalle. We'll file these
22 comments in writing as well, but we would like more
23 information about what is in the fuel pools now, how much
24 radioactive waste is in the fuel pools, and what are the
25 plans when you go forward to put in and take out

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1 radioactive waste to and from the fuel pools. And what
2 do you plan to do with the radioactive waste during the
3 future plans for LaSalle.

4 MR. HAGAR: Okay, Linda, let me interrupt
5 just a minute. This part of the meeting we're asking
6 for questions about the material the NRC has presented.
7 You're asking for information that was not what the NRC
8 presented and so that's certainly information that the
9 NRC wants to consider. But first let's cover, do you
10 have any questions about the material the NRC presented?

11 MS. LEWISON: I will think on it some more
12 and I'll get back, I'll come back in a minute, yeah.
13 Thank you, go ahead.

14 OPERATOR: Thank you. We do have another
15 question from Ruth Thomas. Your line is open.

16 MR. HAGAR: Okay Ruth, hi.

17 MS. THOMAS: Hi.

18 MR. HAGAR: Do you have a question about
19 the material?

20 MS. THOMAS: You mean all the materials
21 used in nuclear power?

22 MR. HAGAR: No, the materials that the NRC
23 just presented in this meeting about the environmental
24 impact reviews and license renewal.

25 MS. THOMAS: Well, the materials are

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1 affected we're still, you're still talking about
2 renewal of these plants that were built in 1973?

3 MR. HAGAR: Yes, that's exactly what
4 they're talking about.

5 MS. THOMAS: And, and over the years and
6 there's certainly plenty of evidence about what
7 exposure to radiation has done to different materials
8 and I'm not sure, have the steam generators been
9 replaced before, over the years? Or are they the
10 original steam generators?

11 MR. HAGAR: Ruth, the LaSalle County
12 Station is a, both the units are boiling water reactors,
13 they don't have any steam generators.

14 MS. THOMAS: Oh, well that's good, they
15 don't have to replace them then. Well what is the
16 component that has been replaced over the years in the
17 boiling water reactors?

18 MR. HAGAR: Ruth, let me just try to answer
19 that question. It's my understanding that there are no
20 major components in boiling water reactors that are
21 replaced in any manner like the way steam generators are
22 replaced in pressurized water reactors. There are, of
23 course, components in any plant that wear out. But as
24 they wear out, every plant, including the LaSalle
25 Station, replaces them. They perform maintenance on

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1 them as they're operating and as they wear out, they
2 replace them. That's ongoing and has been, it is
3 ongoing during the current license period and, as I
4 think Jeff pointed out, that will continue during the
5 period of extended operation.

6 MS. THOMAS: Well I've read that things
7 like gaskets in maintenance materials like that, are,
8 have to be replaced they're subject to damage from
9 radiation.

10 MR. HAGAR: Ruth, that's exactly right.
11 And that's exactly what I talked about, in terms of
12 periodic maintenance, preventive maintenance,
13 corrective maintenance. Those things that wear out get
14 replaced, and so that's really not a, I suggest that's
15 really not a consideration associated with license
16 renewal. Because that's something that happens even
17 during the current license period.

18 Do you have a question associated with
19 environmental impact reviews, or license renewal?

20 MS. THOMAS: Well I'm not sure what you're
21 saying is outside the scope because when our group
22 thinks about nuclear power, we think about all the steps
23 in there. Mining of the uranium, the transportation,
24 the processing, the enrichment and all of the different
25 steps and --

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1 MR. HAGAR: And Ruth, Ruth let me
2 interrupt, and it is certainly true that in the area of
3 nuclear power, there are many issues. There are issues
4 associated with mining, and refining and building and
5 operating and renewing the license of nuclear power, and
6 if we were to talk about any of those topics, even one
7 of those topics in depth, we could not possibly cover
8 that topic adequately in the two hours we've set aside
9 for this meeting.

10 So we really need, in this meeting, to focus
11 on the purpose of this meeting. That's to obtain input
12 from the public to help the NRC focus their
13 environmental impact reviews associated with license
14 renewal for the LaSalle County Stations.

15 So I ask again, do you have any questions
16 that would help, do you have any questions about the
17 material the NRC presented?

18 MS. THOMAS: Well when do questions come in
19 about the changes that have happened since they started
20 using nuclear, changes in the process of making
21 decisions. The decision making process, where is that
22 --

23 MR. HAGAR: Okay, Ruth, let me interrupt,
24 let me suggest, and in this afternoon's meeting you will
25 recall David Drucker invited you to send your comments,

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1 your questions to him? So please do that. And
2 operator, we need to move on and to see if there are any
3 other people on the line?

4 OPERATOR: Okay, we do have Marv, your line
5 is open.

6 MR. LEWIS: Marvin Lewis, member of the
7 public. Look, back in the '60s and '50s, '70s the
8 enrichment of U235 was around two or three percent. The
9 coefficient's of criticality which are predictions sort
10 of, when the darn things going to get too hot to handle,
11 was designed around those enrichments.

12 Now I read, in your paperwork, that the
13 enrichment is above five percent. I have not, I've been
14 following it for years. Yes, I've been following it
15 through the '60s and '70s and '80s. And my question is
16 this, I haven't seen definitively how a criticality, at
17 the wrong time, is being avoided. Usually using
18 something called a coefficient of criticality or COEFF,
19 or KEFF rather, subscript eff in the calculations. I
20 have not seen it

21 Now you're saying that this is safe. And
22 I can't understand that. If the darn plant is designed
23 for two or three percent enrichment of uranium 235, and
24 now you're saying it's safe at a five percent
25 enrichment? I would say this raises flags, kind of like

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1 a maintenance tag hiding a little red warning light at
2 Three Mile Island. If you understand that accident.

3 And that's my point. I don't see it in your
4 paperwork. Where do you look at the criticality and
5 make sure it's safe when it should be.

6 MR. HAGAR: We'll certainly take that
7 comment and the program manager is indicating that they
8 will address that in their, in either the environmental
9 impact review or I guess it'll be in the safety review,
10 safety evaluation report.

11 MR. LEWIS: All right, my e-mail is
12 marvlewis@juno.com. I'd sure like to see when you,
13 send me ML numbers, you know, the Adams numbers for it
14 when it comes out. And it should have come out before
15 you ask for the extension. Thank you.

16 MR. HAGAR: Okay, Marv, Marv wait, one more
17 time, give your e-mail address one time, one more time
18 so we're sure we get it right.

19 MR. LEWIS:
20 M-a-r-v-l-e-w-i-s@j-u-n-o.c-o-m. Marvlewis.com

21 MR. HAGAR: All right Marv, thank you very
22 much for your comment.

23 MR. LEWIS: Thank you.

24 MR. HAGAR: Operator, is there anyone else
25 on the phone that we have to comment?

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1 OPERATOR: I am showing no other questions
2 in queue.

3 MR. HAGAR: Okay, thank you. Okay we've,
4 now we've cleared up what we hoped were the questions
5 about the material, so we kind of segued into Part Four
6 of this meeting. And that is where the NRC is asking
7 for input to help the NRC focus their environmental
8 reviews. Any site specific information, any local
9 information that you want to insure the NRC considers
10 in the environmental reviews.

11 So, I'd ask the people here, that are
12 present, do you have any input that you want the NRC to
13 consider in their environmental impact reviews? I
14 don't see any hands. So I'll put the same question to
15 the people on the phone; does anyone on the phone have
16 any comments to help the NRC focus their environmental
17 impact reviews associated with the license renewal of
18 the LaSalle County Station?

19 Operator, could you ask, does anyone, is
20 anyone indicating they have any comments?

21 OPERATOR: Again, it's *1 if you have any
22 comments. We do have one person queuing up, one moment.
23 I am showing no questions in queue.

24 MR. HAGAR: Go ahead on the phone.

25 MR. DRUCKER: No, she said no questions.

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1 MR. HAGAR: Oh no questions.
2 Misunderstood, thank you operator. All right, Part One
3 was the introduction, Part Two was the presentation,
4 Part Three was the questions and answers, Part Four was
5 comments. So we completed all the parts of this
6 meeting. Chris Miller, do you want to have any close
7 -

8 MR. DRUCKER: Before you do that, could we
9 ask, Operator, could you ask if Linda Lewison is still
10 on, because I don't know if Linda completed her question
11 or comments. And I want to make sure she has a chance
12 to say what she wanted to say.

13 OPERATOR: Okay, one moment. Linda, your
14 line is open.

15 MS. LEWISON: Is it open now?

16 MR. HAGAR: Yes.

17 MS. LEWISON: Can you hear me?

18 MR. HAGAR: Yes, we can hear you.

19 MS. LEWISON: Okay, Linda Lewison, I do not
20 have any further questions or comments at this time.

21 MR. HAGAR: All right Operator, thank you.

22 MS. LEWISON: We'll submit them in writing
23 by April 6th, thank you.

24 MR. HAGAR: And I apologize, I tried to
25 wing this without reviewing my script and I forgot the

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1 yellow cards. So, when you signed in tonight, those of
2 you that indicated you wanted to make a comment, I wish
3 some of you had raised your hand to remind me. Put your
4 names on sheets, on yellow cards here. And we're going
5 to go through these cards in the order in which you
6 arrived, in the order which I received them. And so I
7 would invite you to come up when I call your name, and
8 bring your notes with you and stand at the lectern and
9 I'll hold them microphone and make whatever statements
10 you need to make at this time.

11 So, Roger Blomquist is going to be first,
12 followed by Doug O'Brien. So Roger?

13 MR. BLOMQUIST: Given that this is
14 essentially the same audience as this afternoon, I'll
15 just pass.

16 MR. HAGAR: I understand Roger has
17 basically the same thing to say he said this afternoon,
18 so you're going to pass. Doug O'Brien followed by Mike
19 Gallagher.

20 MR. O'BRIEN: I think I go along with
21 Roger, it's essentially the same, same group here that
22 we had this afternoon, and the same comments.

23 MR. HAGAR: So that's, you're Doug, right?

24 MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.

25 MR. HAGAR: So Doug declines to say

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1 anything else. Mike Gallagher?

2 MR. GALLAGHER: Yes Bob, so my comments are
3 pretty much the same as this afternoon, but I think it's
4 important that members of the public hear, hear the
5 statements from Exelon, so I'd like to state my
6 statement again. Which, again, my name's Mike
7 Gallagher and I'm the Vice President of Licensing for
8 Exelon. I have overall responsibility for the LaSalle
9 County Generating Station license renewal application.

10 And I would like to thank the NRC for this
11 opportunity to speak on behalf of Exelon on this
12 important project for us.

13 So at Exelon, we have a great deal of
14 experience with license renewal, as we have already
15 obtained and renewed licenses for our Dresden and Quad
16 Cities plants here in Illinois and for seven of other
17 facilities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and
18 New York. We also have an application for our
19 Byron/Braidwood plants here in Illinois and that's
20 under NRC review.

21 Just briefly about myself, I've been
22 working in the nuclear power industry for nearly 34
23 years. I was a licensed senior reactor operator and
24 plant manager at Limerick Generating Station in
25 Pennsylvania and I've worked at two other nuclear plants

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1 and our corporate office.

2 Mr. John Keenan will be speaking shortly,
3 about the reasons for renewing our license and what I'd
4 like to speak about is our process for preparing this
5 license renewal application and the amount of work and
6 engineering analysis that was put into preparing the
7 application.

8 So because LaSalle Station can be operated
9 safely and reliably, Exelon decided to pursue license
10 renewal for LaSalle. LaSalle's safe, efficient
11 operation promotes a critical supply of carbon free
12 electricity for Illinois and beyond. LaSalle produces
13 enough clean power to supply 2.3 million homes.

14 So, in 2011, we announced our intentions to
15 seek license renewal. We later started the work
16 necessary to prepare the application. After over two
17 years of work, we submitted the application to the
18 Nuclear Regulatory Commission on December 9, 2014.

19 Safe and reliable operations has been the
20 hallmark of LaSalle Station since it came online and our
21 goal during the license renewal process, is to
22 demonstrate to the NRC and our neighbors, that we will
23 continue that legacy during our additional 20 year
24 operating period.

25 The application we have printed out is

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1 about 2200 pages, it's a huge amount of information.
2 But that only represents a small part of the work that
3 was done for the engineering analysis to prepare the
4 application. We invested over 60,000 man hours of
5 engineering work and once we completed our engineering
6 work to prepare the application, we brought in outside
7 experts to review the application and to insure that it
8 was complete, thorough and accurate.

9 And there are two different parts to our
10 application, the safety review and the environmental
11 review. For the safety review, we took an in-depth look
12 at the history and condition of the safety equipment in
13 the plant. We did that to determine whether the
14 necessary maintenance was being performed on that
15 equipment, to make sure that equipment will be able to
16 operate when needed, not only today, but for the
17 additional 20 years of operation.

18 So when you look back at LaSalle, when it
19 was built, all the equipment was new, it was thoroughly
20 tested to make sure it would perform properly. But like
21 anything else, equipment does age and therefore certain
22 activities need to be done with the equipment.
23 Preventative maintenance is performed, sometimes
24 equipment is refurbished, some equipment may be
25 replaced, there may be modifications done to the plant

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1 to upgrade the equipment. In fact, Exelon has invested
2 over \$61 million in 2014 alone at LaSalle to improve and
3 modernize the equipment to enhance plant operations and
4 safety.

5 We've also reviewed calculations that were
6 performed as part of the design of the plant that were
7 done to insure that the plant could operate safely for
8 40 years. We analyzed those calculations and we were
9 able to confirm that the plant would be able to operate
10 safely for 60 years. Overall, our conclusions from our
11 engineering review, was that LaSalle could operate
12 safely for 60 years.

13 We also took a look at the environmental
14 impacts of continuing to operate LaSalle. We looked at
15 all aspects of continuing impact of the plant on the
16 environment. Our conclusion is that the impacts on the
17 environment are small, and I use that term small in the
18 sense that is in the regulation. The regulation
19 defines small as the environmental affects are not
20 detectable and/or minor. We reviewed the alternatives
21 if LaSalle would not have its license renewed and other
22 sources of electric generation would have to be
23 installed either here onsite or someplace else to
24 replace the required electricity.

25 We concluded that any other means of

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1 generating the replacement electricity would have more
2 of an impact on the environment than the continued
3 operation of LaSalle.

4 So, in conclusion, we operate LaSalle
5 safely, and we could continue to operate safely for an
6 additional 20 years. LaSalle will provide approximately
7 2313 megawatts of base-load electric generation that's
8 not only safe, but it's clean, it's reliable and it's
9 economical. Continued operation of LaSalle will
10 benefit our community, the State of Illinois, and the
11 nation.

12 Thanks for this opportunity.

13 MR. HAGAR: Thank you Mike, Larry Louis?

14 MR. LOUIS: Yes. I will also pass.

15 MR. HAGAR: So you will defer additional
16 comments and basically refer back to the comments you
17 made this afternoon?

18 MR. LOUIS: Yes, I'm representing the
19 Illinois Valley building trades. Illinois Valley
20 building trades and I would like to say that we support
21 nuclear power and the support the relicensing of LaSalle
22 Station.

23 MR. HAGAR: Thank you Larry. Jim Carlson.
24 You'll be up, followed by Jay Houston. Jim come on up.

25 MR. CARLSON: Good evening everyone, I'm

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1 Jim Carlson, the Superintendent of Seneca High School,
2 and I wanted to speak out in support of the license
3 extension that's being proposed. Exelon has been a
4 terrific partner for Seneca High School and if anyone
5 has had the opportunity to come and visit us, they could
6 only look at our building and see why. The wonderful
7 resources that they're able to provide us had allowed
8 us to develop rock solid outstanding core curriculum as
9 well a wonderful vocational program that we don't have
10 to drive to another county or across a county for our
11 kids to access.

12 But besides the resources, which again, has
13 given us a wonderful, safe, current building, they've
14 also provided us some other things. And I don't know
15 a lot of understand or know about. For example, their
16 engineers and scientists have worked with our science
17 teachers on developing curriculum that can be infused
18 in our science program, dealing with nuclear energy.
19 Okay, in a program I think they call Nuclear 101.

20 Additionally, on an annual basis, they
21 provide support for a project that our FFA program
22 sponsored which is called "30 miles per hour". Which
23 is essentially, we adopt stretches of road and we go out,
24 our kids go out and they clean up the rubbish and the
25 trash that have accumulated over the years.

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1 Now a couple of other things that you might
2 not think are a big deal, but they were to me, is just
3 the ability to reach out to someone like Megan, and say
4 hey listen, we know our website's not very good, and we
5 want to be more transparent and we want to be very
6 proactive in our communication. And we would like you,
7 as an expert, and you as a constituent, to take a look
8 at our website and tell us what we can do to do better,
9 so that we can communicate better. And you would think
10 that perhaps that it would just be, okay, you know, I'll
11 get to you. But that's not what happened. What
12 happened is I got a thoughtful, reflective and very
13 thorough response that truly helped us make our website
14 better. Okay, again, an above and beyond type of thing.
15 And it's not perfect, but it's a lot better. Thanks,
16 Meg.

17 Also, and this is maybe one of the most
18 important things that we've experienced with our
19 partnership with Exelon, is we're constantly striving
20 to get better and better every day. To provide a great
21 educational program, because we're only successful if
22 our kids are successful. And we really explored the
23 work of Dr. Tony Wagner, from Harvard, who took a look
24 at what kids need to be successful when they enter either
25 the workforce or college, or the military, what have

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1 you. And we found the same core competencies are
2 required.

3 And so, of course you have to, you can't
4 just take research for research, you kind of almost have
5 to validate that. And so we, at the local level, we
6 tried to replicate that. So again, a call to Exelon
7 just asking a series of questions, like what are you
8 looking for kids to be able to do so that they can be
9 employed by you. And again what I received is not just
10 something that was just okay, here, go away type of
11 thing, but a very thoughtful and reflective response
12 that actually helped us develop a lot of our curriculum
13 and instructional initiatives that we changed.

14 So again, you know, you look at the dollars
15 that are contributed to Seneca High School and you say
16 wow, that's great, but then you look at the other things
17 and you realize that our partnership is really much more
18 than just us reaping some benefits of dollars.

19 A couple of things I want to comment about
20 safety, I've had the opportunity through invitation to
21 attend the plant on a couple of different occasions, if
22 you try to get into the plant you know that there are
23 hurdles upon hurdles upon hurdles. So you know that
24 they take safety, you know, to a large degree. And
25 also, along the lines of safety, I've participated in

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1 numerous mock incidents both at the Seneca level, but
2 also here in this very room when I was the Regional
3 Superintendent of the schools. Where we participate in
4 the mock disaster drills, you know, at the plant. And
5 I can tell you this, that those drills are taken very,
6 very seriously by Exelon and have actually helped us
7 kind of reflect on our own safety plan so that we can
8 do a better job of insuring that our kids and our staff
9 are safe.

10 A couple more things, obviously Exelon
11 provides an economic driver for our community. Many of
12 our community members work at the plant and a lot of our
13 parents do. And again, our hope is that hopefully some
14 our graduates are going to be able to be employed in the
15 future and that's kind of the goal for us.

16 So, in closing, Exelon has a wonderful
17 track record of community service, safety, and a
18 commitment to education that make them a wonderful
19 partner and I urge you to grant its request for license
20 extension. Thank you.

21 MR. HAGAR: Thank you, Jim. Jay Houston?
22 And Jay will be followed by Jerry Hicks.

23 MR. HOUSTON: Good evening, my name is Jay
24 Houston, I am the Nuclear Oversight Manager on LaSalle
25 County Station. I've got 37 years at the plant through

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1 various positions. Currently I manage ten
2 individuals. Those individuals monitor the assessment
3 or the behaviors of the workers at LaSalle county,
4 auditors which look at the process and programs to make
5 sure they're completed accordingly and quality
6 verification to insure that equipment components are
7 restored to their as designed basis. So I consider this
8 a very good opportunity for the site for a license
9 renewal and support the safety and continued operation
10 of LaSalle. That's it. Thank you.

11 MR. HAGAR: Okay, thank you. And Jerry
12 Hicks? And Jerry will be followed by Reed Wilson.

13 MR. HICKS: I am Jerry Hicks, I'm LaSalle
14 County Board Chairman here in the County and can
15 remember numerous things that Jim had brought forward
16 as well. And I'd like to say that LaSalle County does
17 support the license renewal, I, some of the thing that
18 I'm going to say are probably somewhat elementary and
19 potentially redundant. To this group as well, I hope,
20 well I had anticipated more members of the public here
21 to be able to expound upon it, but since I do have a few
22 tidbits here I think I'm going to go ahead and throw them
23 out there for the record as well.

24 So, I understand that, you know, there are
25 six nuclear facilities that generate at least 48 percent

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1 of the power in the State of Illinois. And that
2 families in these communities, like LaSalle County,
3 certainly depend on the facilities to provide the
4 electricity to them. And I do know the LaSalle Station
5 employs upwards, up to 900 employees on a regular basis
6 and they do contribute approximately \$24 million to the
7 local economy. And that is certainly something that we
8 need as a driver around here.

9 LaSalle Station directly and indirectly
10 contributes at least a billion dollars to the Illinois
11 economy. And I also know LaSalle Station does provide
12 a lot of volunteer involvement. I have seen it out here
13 on numerous occasions. They donate at least up to and
14 beyond \$185,000 to the local not-for-profits. And one
15 of them, and I know Larry Louis can attest to the fact,
16 Labor of Love is one of the biggest pushes that we have
17 around here and there is a lot involvement in that.

18 The annual outing has also employed
19 hundreds and hundreds of people, local people and
20 outside people that as well promote the economy as it
21 does in their other facilities that they have around the
22 state and elsewhere. And I do believe that LaSalle
23 station is among other facilities, nuclear facilities,
24 that leads the nation in providing clean energy and
25 that's what I think we're striving for and I certainly

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1 think that that's something that will be very critical
2 in complying with the Illinois EPA limits on carbon
3 emissions which I know is a big push as well going on
4 right now.

5 And I have had the opportunity to work as
6 a contractor at LaSalle County generating station and
7 as well at the Morris generating station and the Dresden
8 station. I worked at the Dresden station as a painter
9 for about seven years and I was, for a couple years I
10 was at LaSalle station as a Health Physics Engineering
11 Assistant, and I'm sure you've probably heard that
12 before within the plant.

13 And I do know that there is a strong
14 commitment to safety in these nuclear facilities and,
15 you know, there is certainly an innate culture of
16 training and safety practices that's always in place.
17 And one of the statements that I recall that I maintain
18 in my mind all the time is a saying that I heard that
19 was, that may sound simple, but always maintain a
20 questioning attitude. Especially when you're around
21 such large dose and you know, take a step, maybe step
22 back and think about it two or three times before you
23 move forward. So, you know, as far as safety at the
24 plant, I think it's a very strong, very, there's a very
25 strong culture pushing that safety route.

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1 So I do believe that LaSalle station has
2 been very, very transparent in all it's operations
3 around the plant and would certainly like to, and shows
4 that they want to listen the public, and involving them
5 in, and obviously they're here for that and I would as
6 well like to thank Megan. She has certainly as well
7 engaged us in a lot of communications back and forth in
8 a multitude of things that we've done in the past.

9 And again, we support LaSalle stations in
10 its renewal of its license.

11 MR. HAGAR: Thank you. Reed Wilson?

12 MR. WILSON: Thank you, I'm Reed Wilson,
13 Deputy District Director for Congressman Kinzinger,
14 16th District, and of course Ottawa is the heart of that
15 district. I have a statement to share from the
16 Congressman, briefly. It's addressed to the U.S.
17 Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Dear Commissioners,
18 thank you for allowing my office the opportunity to
19 address this public meeting regarding the license
20 renewal application of the LaSalle generating station
21 currently pending with the Nuclear Regulatory
22 Commission. The issue of maintaining our current fleet
23 of clean, affordable, energy generation in Illinois is
24 of the utmost importance to residents, consumers and
25 elected officials throughout the region.

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1 Illinois continues to be a leader in the
2 production of carbon free electricity with six nuclear
3 plants providing nearly half of the overall electricity
4 generated and over 90 percent of the carbon free
5 electricity in the state. Four of these facilities
6 reside within in the 16th District alone, where they
7 have been a driving force in stabilizing not only the
8 price of power, but also the reliability of the grid
9 overall.

10 If this source of clean base load power
11 generation, approximately 12,000 megawatts overall,
12 were not available, there is little doubt that prices
13 would rise exponentially and grid stability would be
14 negatively impacted. Additionally, the nuclear energy
15 industry has a substantial impact on the economy at the
16 state and local level. These plants are directly
17 responsible for providing thousands of quality, high
18 paying jobs for high skilled workers and in turn provide
19 a huge boost to our economy worth nearly \$9 billion
20 annually.

21 The 800 employees at the LaSalle facility
22 pay over \$50 million annually in payroll and given that
23 the majority of these employees reside in LaSalle and
24 Grundy Counties, they are able to provide a foundation
25 which supports the local base.

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1 We're here today to discuss the license
2 renewal application of the LaSalle generating station,
3 which is to provide clean reliable power for three
4 decades. A process to be involved by NRC attainable in
5 a transparent manner in which it conducts these hearings
6 allowing members of the public the opportunity to
7 provide comments on the environmental aspects of the
8 process. There is a level of commitment and
9 transparency that should take place at aspects of
10 government licensing.

11 It is also important to note the NRC also
12 requires the plant's application to include an
13 additional environmental report based solely on a
14 plant's potential impact to the environment should the
15 application be extended beyond its initial license.
16 This extra step helps to insure the safety and
17 environmental benefit of the facility to the
18 surrounding area.

19 It is my hope that as this multi-year effort
20 takes place, they will continue to do so in an
21 expeditious manner as possible. Extending the life of
22 this facility for 20 years will insure that a clean
23 source of energy for millions of consumers is able to
24 move forward with certainty in the future operations.

25 Respectfully, Adam Kinzinger,

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1 Representative in Congress. Thank you.

2 MR. HAGAR: Thank you. Okay, now I've
3 been through the yellow cards. I didn't hear you, come
4 on up.

5 MR. KEENAN: For those of you who were here
6 earlier, I promise this will be just as riveting. I'm
7 John Keenan, I'm the Operating Director of LaSalle
8 County generating station. I have overall
9 responsibility for the safe day-to-day operation of
10 both nuclear units including shift operations and
11 support staff personnel. I have 15 years experience in
12 the nuclear industry. I started my career with LaSalle
13 station in 2000, I was an equipment operator, an
14 operations shift supervisor, a shift manager and shift
15 operations superintendent.

16 Operating the station safely and reliably
17 is a key responsibility for all of the employees at
18 LaSalle County generating station, one that we take very
19 seriously and as a personal commitment to ourselves, the
20 community and to the industry. I'm proud to say that
21 we've been a key part of this community for more than
22 30 years.

23 LaSalle county generating station operates
24 in a manner that preserves the environment. We
25 maintain a comprehensive radiological monitoring

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1 program that extensively monitors the air, water and
2 soil around the facility to insure that we're not
3 adversely impacting the environment.

4 We have a comprehensive on-site
5 environmental groundwater protection program. This
6 program includes 20 on-site monitoring wells. We have
7 detailed procedures that outline how we test water
8 leaving the site. Radiation monitors are staged at 50
9 locations within a ten mile radius around the plant to
10 monitor radiation dose levels and to ensure the safety
11 of the community.

12 LaSalle's environmental management
13 systems are certified under the strict criteria of the
14 International Organization for Standardization,
15 specifically we received the ISO 14001 Certification.
16 This is an internationally recognized benchmark for
17 environmental management. The ISO 14001 Certification
18 requires a commitment to excellence in meeting our
19 regulatory requirements, in the prevention of
20 pollution, and continuous improvement of our
21 environmental systems.

22 The Wildlife Habitat Council recognized
23 LaSalle County generating station's commitment to
24 environmental stewardship by awarding us the Wildlife
25 at Work Certification. This distinction was awarded

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1 for our wildlife habitat management and environmental
2 education program, as well as our commitment to
3 establishing long term wildlife habitat enhancements
4 for animal species living on our property.

5 To ensure LaSalle continues to operate
6 safely for years to come, Exelon continues to invest in
7 LaSalle. We spend millions of dollars each year to
8 improve and modernize the equipment and enhance plant
9 operations and safety systems. Our investment in the
10 future doesn't stop with investment in equipment, we've
11 hired 31 employees since the beginning of 2015, and we
12 maintain a workforce of approximately 800 employees.

13 During our annual maintenance and
14 refueling outages, that population grows temporarily
15 for about a month, by another 1500 employees bringing
16 a boost to the local economies. We also take pride in
17 our investments in the community. Last year our
18 employees donated over \$180,000 to local United Way
19 agencies. We supported Labor of Love, a home repair
20 blitz for people who are unable to care for their homes
21 themselves. In addition to working with the Seneca
22 High School on local road clean-ups.

23 We have provided scholarships and raised
24 funds for local schools, food pantries and educational
25 initiatives. Our employees host toy, coat and school

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1 supply drives. The LaSalle Station funds various
2 not-for-profit groups and agencies.

3 In short, we do our very best to be a good
4 neighbor. For more than 30 years, LaSalle station has
5 performed reliably and safely and has set numerous
6 benchmarks in the nuclear power industry. We work
7 toward license renewal every day through dedication to
8 continuous improvement.

9 In conclusion, we look forward to working
10 with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in their review
11 of our license renewal application. Thank you for your
12 time.

13 MR. HAGAR: All right, is there anyone else
14 for whom I do not have a yellow card? So let me ask
15 again, is there anyone who has any comments related to
16 or associated with the environmental impact review for
17 the license renewal of the LaSalle County station? Is
18 there anyone in the meeting who has anything else to say?
19 Then, Chris Miller, do you have any closing comments?

20 MR. MILLER: I do. Thank you, Bob. My
21 name is Chris Miller, I'm the Director of the Division
22 of License Renewal for the Nuclear Regulatory
23 Commission and it's our division that performs the
24 analysis of the licensee's application.

25 First of all I've got to say thank you, you

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1 know, taking this time out of your evening, there's a
2 lot of other things I'm sure people had to do at this
3 time in the evening. But it really means a lot to us
4 to get the participation.

5 I want to thank the people that helped put
6 this on and set this up. It's nice to have a facility
7 like this and be able to share comments and discussion.

8 We heard a number of comments, I don't want
9 to go through all them and give you a litany, but I, I'll
10 just tell you a couple things that we heard. First of
11 all, I want to say for the people who had questions at
12 the beginning, before we took the statements and the
13 comments we had some questions. For those folks,
14 Linda, Marvin, Ruth, we have your contact information
15 and I believe you have ours. Some of your questions may
16 likely be outside the bounds of our license renewal
17 application review, things on waste storage, routine
18 maintenance and how licensees prove they are effective
19 is within their technical specifications and how the NRC
20 reviews that.

21 But we will get back to you with the right
22 people to be able to answer that, those questions.

23 On the statements today, and some folks
24 gave a shortened version of what they gave earlier, we
25 have those comments from earlier. I do want to thank

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1 our representatives that have shown up here, public
2 representatives, Reed Wilson from Congressman
3 Kinzinger's office. Appreciate the letter and the
4 statement that the Congressman provided regarding his
5 views on the safety and the reliability of the power and
6 what the station means to the community. And the,
7 especially the comment on transparency and openness. I
8 wanted to reflect on that for just one minute because
9 that's something that the NRC, Nuclear Regulatory
10 Commission, really values. It's one of our core
11 principles.

12 We want to be transparent in what we do, we
13 want the public to see what we're doing and be involved
14 in those processes as we go through that. And so we have
15 several different stages. We have these kinds of
16 meetings, we have comment periods, you heard about the
17 comment period that closes April 6th. So if you didn't
18 get a chance to make your comment, you can still make
19 comments online, I know some of you have said that you're
20 going to do that and there's various ways beside online
21 to make those comments. So we value that openness and
22 that public participation, so appreciate it, appreciate
23 the comment there on openness and transparency.

24 I want to thank also, Mr. Hicks from the
25 LaSalle County Board to give us the local board's views

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1 of how this station is perceived and the benefits that
2 you see coming out of this station.

3 We also heard comments from Mr. Gallagher
4 highlighting the clean, safe, reliable source of power
5 that they believe that Exelon is and will continue to
6 be through this and through the extending period of
7 operation, and a number of points there.

8 Mr. Louis mentioning how the trades support
9 this application. Mr. Carlson, good presentation on
10 the all the educational benefits and the partnership
11 there. I'm going to have to look up Mr. Wagner and his
12 ideas. But thank you for bringing that, your point
13 forward there.

14 And we heard several of folks from the plant
15 talking about, again, safe, reliable operation. Not
16 only that, but I think as Mr. Keenan talked about, a good
17 stewardship, a good community partner. We've heard
18 that a number of times today and so those comments came
19 across.

20 Again, this is one session, there's other
21 opportunities to put in those comments. What things
22 should we consider as we're looking the environmental
23 review. What are those things that you want us to look
24 at because you, the folks that live closer here than we
25 do may have some insights that we're not seeing, we're

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1 not getting. So please provide those comments to us.

2 We really appreciate you coming out tonight
3 and we appreciate, we look forward to your comments now
4 through April 6th and we will take those seriously.
5 We'll provide a summary of this, a transcript of this
6 meeting and then there's other opportunities as we make
7 our reviews public later on, for interaction.

8 So I thank everyone here tonight. And I'll
9 turn it over, back to you Bob.

10 MR. HAGAR: Now we've gone through all four
11 parts of the meeting. The last thing I want to say,
12 besides thanks for everybody showing up and thank you
13 for your attention, your time and attention this
14 evening.

15 The last thing I want to say is there's a
16 stack of meeting feedback forms. Brian is holding one
17 of them up now. If you would please, as you leave, pick
18 up a copy, pick up one of those forms and provide us any
19 comments you have regarding this meeting this evening.
20 And we'll consider your input as a way that we can
21 improve meetings in the future.

22 So, last chance for anybody to say
23 anything. All right, then thank you again. This
24 meeting is adjourned.

25 (Whereupon at 8:15 p.m. the meeting was

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