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REGARDING PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT
SAFETY LIMIT MINIMUM CRITICAL POWER RATIO CHANGE
EXELON GENERATION COMPANY, LLC
PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION - UNIT 3
DOCKET NO. 50-278

By letter dated April 30, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15120A290), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon, the licensee) submitted a license amendment request for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS), Unit 3. The proposed amendment would revise the Technical Specifications (TSs) related to the Safety Limit Minimum Critical Power Ratios (SLMCPRs). The proposed changes result from a cycle-specific analysis performed to support the operation of PBAPS, Unit 3, in the upcoming Cycle 21. The re-analysis was performed to accommodate operation in the Maximum Extended Load Line Limit Analysis Plus (MELLLA+) operating domain based on a separate license amendment request dated September 4, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14247A503).

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed the information the licensee provided that supports the proposed amendment and would like to discuss the following issues to clarify the submittal.

RAI-1

Provide the differences in design and geometrical considerations between GNF2 and GE14 fuel.

RAI-2

- a) Discuss the methodology and the scheme used for the PBAPS Unit 3 Cycles 20 and 21 core reloads. Is there a noticeable change in the core radial and axial power shapes between the Cycles 20 and 21 reloads?
- b) For the initial core loadings of Cycles 20 and 21, specify the fuel type, number of fresh, once burned, twice and thrice burned fuel.

Attachment