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Mr. Bryan C. Hanson
President and Chief Nuclear Officer
Exelon Nuclear
R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant
4300 Winfield Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: R.E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED
LICENSING ACTION RE: APPLICATION TO REVIEW TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATIONS TO ADOPT TSTF-490 (CAC NO. MF7339)

Dear Mr. Hanson:

By application dated February 4, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16035A015), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (the licensee) submitted a license amendment for R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (Ginna). The proposed amendment would revise Ginna's Technical Specifications limit for Reactor Coolant System (RCS) gross specific activity with a new limit based upon RCS noble gas specific activity. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. 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 does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment 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 NRC 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 NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3629.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Render". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "R".

Diane Render, Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch I-1
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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