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Subject: Comments Concerning Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 10 CFR Parts 26, 50, 52, 73, and 140, "*Regulatory Improvements for Decommissioning Power Reactors*" (80 FR 72358, dated November 19, 2015, Docket ID NRC-2015-0070)

This letter is being submitted in response to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) request for comments concerning the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) 10 CFR Parts 26, 50, 52, 73, and 140, "*Regulatory Improvements for Decommissioning Power Reactors*," published in the *Federal Register* (i.e., 80 FR 72358, dated November 19, 2015).

The NRC is issuing this ANPR to obtain input from stakeholders on the development of a draft regulatory basis that would support potential changes to NRC regulations for the decommissioning of nuclear power reactors. The NRC's goal in amending its regulations is to provide an efficient decommissioning process, reduce the need for exemptions from existing regulations, and support the principles of good regulation, including openness, clarity, and reliability.

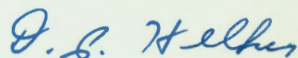
The NRC is developing a proposed rule that would amend current requirements for power reactors transitioning to decommissioning. Experience has demonstrated that licensees for decommissioning power reactors seek several exemptions and license amendments in order to support and establish a long-term licensing basis for decommissioning. By issuing a decommissioning rule, the NRC would be able to establish regulations that would maintain safety and security at sites transitioning to decommissioning without the need to grant specific exemptions or license amendments in certain regulatory areas. Specifically, the decommissioning rulemaking would have the following goals: 1) continue to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of the public health and safety and common defense and security at decommissioning power reactor sites; 2) ensure that the requirements for decommissioning power reactors are clear and appropriate; 3) consistent with prior NRC-approved exemptions and license amendments, address those issues that are generically applicable to all decommissioning power reactors and have resulted in the need for those exemptions or license amendments; and 4) identify, define, and resolve additional areas of concern related to the regulation of decommissioning power reactors.

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Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) appreciates the opportunity to comment on this ANPR. Until final promulgation of the rulemaking, licensees undertaking decommissioning activities find it necessary to submit exemption requests from various existing regulations to facilitate their efforts. As a result, Exelon respectfully requests that the NRC process decommissioning submittals in an efficient manner until any final rule becomes effective. In addition, if the rulemaking process is handled expeditiously this would help to curtail the submittal of exemption requests and other licensing actions, thereby saving valued resources and costs for licensees as well as the NRC. Finally, Exelon supports the comments submitted by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the industry related to this ANPR.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Richard Gropp at (610) 765-5557.

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