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August 30, 2016

Mr. Bryan C. Hanson
President and Chief Nuclear Officer
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
4300 Winfield Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION AND NINE MILE POINT
NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING
ACTION RE: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO CHANGE TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATIONS TO REDUCE STEAM DOME PRESSURE
(CAC NOS. MF8220 AND MF8265)

Dear Mr. Hanson:

By letter dated August 1, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML16215A128), Exelon Generation Company, LLC requested amendments to the technical specifications (TSs), of Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-16, for Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS) and Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-63, for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (NMP1). The proposed amendments would revise OCNGS TS Section 2.1, "Safety Limit – Fuel Cladding Integrity," and NMP1 TS 2.1.1, "Fuel Cladding Integrity," to reduce the steam dome pressure.

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 TSs) 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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The NRC staff expects to issue a request for additional information, if necessary, no later than December 30, 2016. The NRC staff expects to complete its review by your requested date of August 1, 2017, with an estimated man-hours of approximately 150 hours per unit.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3100 or via e-mail at John.Lamb@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Lamb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John G. Lamb, Senior Project Manager
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