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April 24, 2017

Mr. Bryan C. Hanson  
President and Chief Nuclear Officer  
Exelon Generation Company, LLC  
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station  
4300 Winfield Road  
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**SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO REVISE THE CYBER SECURITY PLAN MILESTONE 8 COMPLETION DATE (CAC NO. MF9550)**

Dear Mr. Hanson:

By letter dated January 7, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML 110070507), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon or the licensee) submitted its Notification of Permanent Cessation of Power Operations for Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS). In this letter, Exelon provided notification to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of its intent to permanently cease power operation no later than December 31, 2019.

By letter dated April 10, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17100A844), Exelon requested an amendment to the Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-16 for OCNGS. The proposed amendment would revise the Cyber Security Plan Milestone 8 completion date in the OCNGS license. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the 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 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. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 195 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review in approximately 9 months, which is December 2017. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information, unanticipated addition of scope to the review, and review by NRC advisory committees or hearing-related activities. Additional delay may occur if the submittal is provided to the NRC in advance or in parallel with industry program initiatives or pilot applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3100 or via e-mail at [John.Lamb@nrc.gov](mailto: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 letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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Division of Operating Reactor Licensing  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-219

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