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Subject: Ginna Nuclear Power Station - ACCEPTANCE REVIEW: TS 5.5.15, "Containment Leakage Testing Program," To extend the integrated leakage rate testing (ILRT) Program Test Interval from 10 years to 15 years (EPID: L-2019-LLA-0027)
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By letter dated February 15, 2018 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19045A282), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (the licensee) submitted a license amendment request to amend the Technical Specifications for Ginna Nuclear Power Station (Ginna). The proposed amendments would modify Technical Specification requirements to Specifically, 5.5.15, "Containment Leakage Testing Program" would be changed by replacing reference to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.163, "Performance-Based Containment Leak-Rate Testing Program" with a reference to identify NEI 94-01 "Industry Guideline for Implementing Performance-Based Option of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J," Revision 2-A as the document used to implement performance-based leakage rate testing as the guidance document for establishing the primary containment leakage rate testing program in accordance with Option B of 10 CFR 50, Appendix J. The LAR proposes to extend the integrated leakage rate testing (ILRT) program test interval from 10 years to 15 years. 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.

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 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 request will take approximately 590 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review in approximately 12 months, which is February, 2020. 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 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) 415-2597 or V.Sreenivas@nrc.gov.

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