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Dear Chairman Sunseri,

During the 669th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (the Committee) held December 4 -7, 2019, the Committee completed its review of the subsequent license renewal application for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3 (Peach Bottom). The Committee also reviewed the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's final safety evaluation report for this application.

In the Committee's final report dated December 19, 2019, the Committee agreed with the NRC staff that there are no open license renewal issues that would prevent the NRC from renewing the Peach Bottom operating licenses. The Committee also concluded that the programs established and committed to by the Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon), provide reasonable assurance Peach Bottom can be operated in accordance with its current licensing basis for the subsequent period of extended operation without undue risk to public health and safety. As such, the Committee concluded that the NRC should approve the Peach Bottom subsequent license renewal application.

The NRC staff appreciates the Committee's objective and in-depth review of the Peach Bottom subsequent license renewal application and the staff's final safety evaluation report. We especially appreciate the Committee's forward-focused questions on inspection support for the license renewal review and the continued maintenance of the plants' material condition during the subsequent period of extended operation.

The NRC staff recognizes and values the Committee's commitment to safety and its important role in the license renewal process.

Best regards,

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