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Subject: R.E. Ginna - ACCEPTANCE REVIEW: Exemptions from 10 CFR 2.109(b), Effect of Timely Renewal Application: L-2020-LLE-0144
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By letter dated September 11, 2020 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. [ML20255A001](#)) Exelon Generation Company, LLC, submitted license exemptions from 10 CFR 54.17(a), and 10 CFR 2.109(b) for R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Station (Ginna). Specifically, the licensee requested exemptions from 10 CFR 54.17(a), and 10 CFR 2.109(b) for Ginna to allow the licensee to file a sufficient application for renewal of the Ginna operating license at least three years (instead of at least five years) prior to the expiration of the existing license and to still receive the timely renewal protection of 10 CFR 2.109(b).

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 relief request 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 relief request 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 review of this request will take approximately 160 hours for this exemption to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review in approximately 12 months from acceptance (September 2021). 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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