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Subject:	Peach Bottom Units 2 and 3 - Request for Additional Information - Relief Request I5R-05 (EPID L-2018-LLR-0058)
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Dear Mr. Helker,

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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) staff is reviewing your submittal and has determined that additional information is needed to complete its review. The specific request for additional information (RAI) question is provided below. A clarification phone call will be held if needed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-2328. A copy of this e-mail will be made publicly available in ADAMS.

Thanks, Jenny

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE I5R-05

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EXELON GENERATION COMPANY, LLC

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The NRC has determined that the following additional information is necessary to complete its review and make a regulatory decision.

1. ASME Code Case N-831 and a previous safety evaluation, dated June 5, 2017, require 100 percent volumetric coverage of the weld volume and the weld-to-base metal interface. The proposed alternative I5R-05 has reduced the coverage requirements to "essentially" 100 percent coverage. Describe the technical basis for not needing 100 percent coverage, including an analysis determining if missing 10 percent of the weld can or cannot allow an unacceptable flaw to be missed.