

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

July 7, 2011

Mr. Michael J. Pacilio President and Chief Nuclear Officer Exelon Nuclear 4300 Winfield Road Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT:

BRAIDWOOD STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; BYRON STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2; CLINTON POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1; DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1, 2 AND 3; LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; LIMERICK GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION; PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3; QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; SALEM GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; AND THREE MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE: 2011 REPORT ON STATUS OF DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING FOR REACTORS (TAC NOS. ME5453, ME5454, ME5460, ME5461, ME5467, ME3652, ME5478, ME5479, ME5495, ME5496, ME5497, ME5498, ME5511, ME3658, ME5516, ME5517, ME5524, ME5525, ME5530, ME5531, AND ME5544)

Dear Mr. Pacilio:

By letter dated March 31, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML110980080), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon, the licensee) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) the 2011 Decommissioning Funding Status report for Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Clinton Power Station, Unit No. 1, Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 1, 2 and 3, LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 1, 2 and 3, Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, Salem Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1, as required under Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 50.75, "Reporting and recordkeeping according to the code for decommissioning planning."

The NRC staff is reviewing your submittal and has determined that a request for additional information (RAI) is required to complete the review. The specific information requested is addressed in the enclosure to this letter. During a discussion with Exelon staff on June 30, 2011, it was agreed that Exelon would provide a response 30 days from the date of this letter.

The NRC staff considers that timely responses to requests for additional information help ensure sufficient time is available for staff review and contribute toward the NRC's goal of efficient and

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effective use of staff resources. If circumstances result in the need to revise the requested response date, please contact me at (301) 415-6606.

Sincerely,

Joel S. Wiebe, Project Manager Plant Licensing Branch III-2

Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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Enclosure:

Request for Additional Information

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1. In Item 1 of each Attachment to the DFS report, Exelon reported an amount of decommissioning funds estimated to be required under 10 CFR 50.75(b) and (c). The amount of decommissioning funds estimated was greater than the amount calculated by the NRC staff for the above listed plants. Please provide the labor, energy, and burial factors used in Exelon's calculation of the minimum requirement for decommissioning financial assurance for each facility and address how the calculation methodology used deviates from that described in NUREG-1307, "Report on Waste Burial Charges," Revision 14.

- 2. In Item 1 of each Attachment to the DFS report and also under footnote (a), Exelon reported a site-specific decommissioning fund estimate per 10 CFR 50.75(b). As required by 10 CFR 50.75(e)(1)(i) and (ii), the licensee must specifically describe the safe storage period in order to take credit for projected future earnings when it uses a site-specific estimate as the basis for using the prepayment or external sinking fund methods of financial assurance. Please provide the cash flow balances for the site-specific cost estimate expressed in 2010 dollars for each year until license termination (e.g. expenses, projected earnings per year, and end-of-year fund balances).
- 3. In Item 2 of each Attachment to the DFS report, Exelon reported the amount of decommissioning trust funds accumulated as of December 31, 2010, for the above-listed plants, but did not state if the amount accumulated was before or after taxes. Per the provisions of 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1) and (2), provide the after-tax amount of funds accumulated as of December 31, 2010.

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