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August 11, 2010

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

SUBJECT: PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3: ACCEPTANCE OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST RELATED TO EXTENDING COMPLETION TIME FOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3.1.7, "STANDBY LIQUID CONTROL SYSTEM" (TAC NOS. ME3598 AND ME3599)

Dear Mr. Pacilio:

By letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated March 24, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML100840752), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon), submitted a request to revise the technical specifications (TS) for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, (PBAPS) Units 2 and 3. The proposed change would revise TS Section 3.1.7, "Standby Liquid Control (SLC) System," to extend the completion time for Condition C (i.e., two SLC subsystems inoperable for reasons other than Condition A) from 8 hours to 72 hours. Exelon supplemented the amendment request on July 23, 2010, in response to the NRC staff's request for supplemental information dated July 12, 2010. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. 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.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested and following, as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed the supplemental information, in addition to your application, and concluded that technical information has been provided in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent 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

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identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3204.

Sincerely,

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John D. Hughey, Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch I-2
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