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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555-001

> Clinton Power Station, Unit 1 Facility Operating License No. NPF-62 <u>NRC Docket No. 50-461</u>

Subject: Request to Resume Review of Licensing Actions for Clinton Power Station

- References: 1. Letter from P. R. Simpson (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "License Amendment Request to Revise Technical Specification Section 5.5.13, 'Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program', for Permanent Extension of Type A and Type C Leak Rate Test Frequencies," dated January 25, 2016 (ML16025A182)
  - Letter from P. R. Simpson (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "License Amendment Request for Adoption of Technical Specification Task Force Traveler TSTF-484, Revision 0, 'Use of TS 3.10.1 for Scram Time Testing Activities'," dated April 4, 2016 (ML16095A285)
  - Letter from M. P. Gallagher (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "Certification of Permanent Cessation of Power Operations," dated June 20, 2016 (ML16172A137)
  - 4. Letter from P. R. Simpson (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "Request for NRC to Suspend Review of License Amendment Requests for Clinton Power Station, Unit 1," dated August 11, 2016 (ML16224A262)
  - Letter from E. A. Brown (U.S. NRC) to B. C. Hanson (Exelon Generation Company, LLC), "Clinton Power Station, Unit No. 1 – Acknowledgement of Suspension Request for Licensing Actions (CAC Nos. MF7290 and MF7559)," dated October 3, 2016 (ML16238A250)
  - Letter from M. P. Gallagher (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "Withdrawal of Certification of Permanent Cessation of Power Operations for Clinton Power Station and Previously Submitted Licensing Actions in Support of Decommissioning," dated December 14, 2016 (ML16349A314)

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In References 1 and 2, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (EGC) requested two separate amendments to Facility Operating License (FOL) No. NPF-62 for Clinton Power Station (CPS), Unit 1.

In Reference 3, EGC notified the NRC that it had decided to cease operations at CPS, Unit 1 by June 1, 2017. Given this notification, in Reference 4, EGC requested that the NRC temporarily suspend its review of the two license amendment requests (LARs), pending EGC evaluation of the continued need for the LARs. In Reference 5, the NRC notified EGC that the review of the two LARs had been suspended.

On December 1, 2016, the Illinois General Assembly passed the Future Energy Jobs Bill (SB-2814) and the Illinois Governor signed the Bill on December 7, 2016. Because of this, EGC has reversed its decision to permanently cease power operations at CPS. In Reference 6, EGC notified the NRC of the formal withdrawal of the "Certification of Permanent Cessation of Power Operations" that was submitted as Reference 3.

Given the decision to continue power operations at CPS, EGC requests resumption of NRC review of the two LARs that were submitted in Reference 1 and Reference 2.

EGC is notifying the State of Illinois of this response by transmitting a copy of this letter to the designated State Official.

There are no regulatory commitments contained in this letter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. John L. Schrage at (630) 657-2821.

Respectfully,

Patrick R. Simpson Manager – Licensing Exelon Generation Company, LLC

cc: NRC Regional Administrator, Region III NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Clinton Power Station Illinois Emergency Management Agency – Division of Nuclear Safety