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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
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LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2  
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-11 and NPF-18  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

Subject: Long Term Solution Stability System Oscillation Power Range Monitor  
Revised Implementation Schedule for LaSalle County Station

- References: (1) Letter from R. M. Krich (Commonwealth Edison Company) to U.S. NRC, "Long Term Solution Stability System Oscillation Power Range Monitor Installation Status and Revised Implementation Schedule," dated June 5, 2000.
- (2) Letter from C. G. Pardee (Commonwealth Edison Company) to U.S. NRC, "Application for Amendment to Appendix A, Technical Specifications for the Oscillation Power Range Monitor Instrumentation," dated November 10, 2000.

Exelon Generation Company (EGC), LLC, formerly Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) Company, in Reference 1 provided the NRC with the implementation schedule for the Long Term Solution Stability System Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM) for LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2. In Reference 2, we provided the NRC with proposed Technical Specifications (TS) for the LaSalle County Station, Unit 1 and Unit 2 OPRMs. The LaSalle County Station implementation schedule for declaring the OPRMs with their scram function operational, as specified in Reference 1, was June 2001 for Unit 2 and June 2002 for Unit 1.

The OPRM implementation schedule was based on the following.

- The OPRM would be successfully operated for approximately six months after startup from a refueling outage with the modified OPRM software.
- Implementation of the Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) for Unit 2 would occur in March 2001.
- NRC review and approval of the OPRM TS for LaSalle County Station would be completed no later than May 1, 2001.
- The Unit 2 OPRM scram function would be armed with the unit online, early in June 2001, prior to the projected increase in electrical load from summer conditions.

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The Unit 2 OPRM has successfully operated with the modified software since the December 2000 unit startup. The Unit 2 OPRM is configured with the alarm fully functional and the scram initiator bypassed. However, the current schedule for implementation of ITS at LaSalle County Station is May 2001 and the NRC approval of the OPRM TS is not expected until after May 1, 2001. Thus, there is a high probability that if our Unit 2 commitment is not modified, the arming of the Unit 2 OPRM scram function would occur with the unit online during summer electrical load conditions. Although we do not expect the arming of the OPRM scram function with the unit online to be a safety or operability concern, we consider that it is not an evolution that should prudently be conducted during summer electrical load conditions.

Therefore, we are modifying our implementation schedule for declaring the OPRMs operational at LaSalle County Station to the following.

- The LaSalle County Station, Unit 2, OPRM will be declared operational after September 15, 2001 and within the implementation schedule specified in the NRC approved OPRM TS amendment.
- The LaSalle County Station, Unit 1, OPRM will be declared operational after April 1, 2002 and within the implementation schedule specified in the NRC approved OPRM TS amendment.

Should you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Mr. T. W. Simpkin at (603) 663-3019.

Respectfully,



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