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RE: Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 & 3 License Renewal
Grundy County - License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25

Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 & 2 License Renewal
Rock Island County - License Nos. DPR-29 and DPR-30

Endangered Species Consultation Program
Natural Heritage Database Review #'s: 0201014 & 0201015

To Whom This Concerns:

Thank you for submitting the January 3, 2003 operating license renewal applications regarding the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 & 2 and Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 & 3 for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075. The Natural Heritage Database identified the presence of State protected resources within the vicinity of portions of the existing transmission lines associated with each power station. Adverse impacts to State protected resources do not appear likely. Excelsior has been advised to inform the Department if new transmission lines are proposed in the future.

The Department thoroughly discussed and evaluated the operating license renewal applications for each of the subject power stations. It is the Department's biological opinion that continued operation of the power stations, as described and detailed in the operating license applications, will not adversely affect State protected resources or existing environmental conditions in the immediate vicinity of the Dresden and Quad Cities nuclear power stations.

Consultation is limited to State-listed threatened or endangered species, Illinois Natural Areas and dedicated Land & Water Reserves and Nature Preserves; it does not entail a comprehensive environmental impact assessment. The Department may raise concerns through other venues regarding potential impacts to other natural resources as it deems appropriate.

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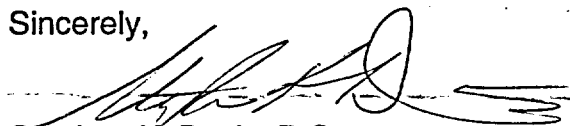
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these nuclear power station operating license renewal applications. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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