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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003, TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
CALL WITH EXELON GENERATION COMPANY, LLC REGARDING
SCHEDULING OF THE STAFF'S TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE
EXELON EARLY SITE PERMIT (ESP) APPLICATION

On Monday, September 24, 2003, a telephone conference call was held among representatives of Exelon Generating Company, LLC (Exelon) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff. The purpose of the conference, which was held at the request of Exelon, was to discuss Exelon's plans to submit its ESP application on September 25, 2003, and the staff's plans for scheduling technical review of the Exelon ESP application. A list of participants in the conference is provided in Attachment 1.

Exelon began the phone conference by stating that it planned to submit its ESP application on September 25, 2003. Exelon representatives then asked for further discussion on the topic of the review schedules for all three prospective ESP applicants (Dominion Energy, Inc., Entergy Nuclear, Inc., and Exelon) which had been discussed in an earlier phone conference that day. During the earlier conference, the NRC staff had stated that it would be necessary to stagger the ESP technical reviews to integrate the ESP reviews with license renewal reviews and to respond to the transfer of funding from ESP reviews to license renewal reviews. The staff noted that resources, particularly in the environmental area, were already in place to support the review of the Dominion application, which was expected to be submitted by the date that Dominion had originally planned. Therefore, the staff indicated that the technical review of the Dominion application would begin immediately upon acceptance of the application for docketing. Technical review of the other two applications would begin in late November 2003 and late January 2004, two and four months respectively from receipt of the Dominion application.

During this earlier phone conference, the staff suggested that the prospective applicants consider what was said and that they contact the staff if they wish to discuss the issue further. During the second phone conference, Exelon requested that it be assigned the second review slot because it was submitting its ESP application well in advance of the anticipated submittal date for Entergy Nuclear, Inc. Exelon stated that it understood that this schedule could necessitate that the NRC environmental review staff make more than one visit to the site to

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complete their environmental site audit because of the expected difficulty in meeting some of the site audit objectives in the area of the site during the winter months. Based on this discussion, the NRC agreed to perform the Exelon ESP review second with the completion of the technical review scheduled to conclude two months after the technical review of the Dominion ESP application.

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