

December 16, 2003

Multiple Addressees

Dear Sir or Madame:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you, as a public official who may have an interest in activities related to the Clinton Power Station, that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received an application dated September 25, 2003, from Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) for an early site permit (ESP). We have docketed this application (Docket No. 52-007) and would like to acquaint you with the major steps that lie ahead as the NRC staff reviews it. The application is for a site, identified as the "Clinton ESP site," adjacent to the existing nuclear power plant unit already operating on the Clinton site.

The NRC plans to hold an open house and public meeting on the scope of the environmental review associated with the application. The open house and public meeting will be held at the Vespasian Waner Public Library in Clinton, Illinois on Thursday, December 18, 2003. The open house will begin at 6:00 pm, to be followed by the public meeting at 7:00 pm.

Under the NRC's regulations in Part 52 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 52), "Early Site Permits; Standard Design Certifications; and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," the NRC can issue an ESP for approval of one or more sites for possible future construction of a nuclear power plant or plants. The term of an ESP may be up to 20 years. The ESP process can lead to resolution of site-related issues without the need for the applicant to expend substantial resources as would be necessary to seek a license to actually construct a nuclear power plant or plants. The NRC's review of an ESP addresses site safety issues, environmental protection issues, and plans for coping with emergencies, independent of the review of a specific nuclear plant design. Should an ESP be issued for the Clinton ESP site, it would resolve a certain set of those issues, independent of the review of a specific nuclear plant design. Exelon could reference the ESP in seeking a license to construct or operate a nuclear power plant or plants on the site. We emphasize that an ESP, standing alone, does not authorize construction or operation of a nuclear power plant.

The NRC staff has begun a detailed technical review of the application, which will lead to the development of the NRC's safety evaluation report (SER). The SER will document the staff's review of whether Exelon's proposed site is acceptable to host a nuclear power plant or plants. In addition, the NRC will develop an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will document the NRC staff's review of the application for environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of a nuclear power plant or plants at the site. At the December 18, 2003 meeting, interested persons will have the opportunity to comment on the scope of the issues to be considered in the staff's EIS. The public will also have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft EIS after it is prepared in 2004.

In the near future, the NRC will also issue a *Federal Register* Notice and press release to announce the opportunity for persons whose interests may be affected to petition for leave to intervene in a hearing to be held after the completion of the NRC staff's SER and EIS. After the *Federal Register* Notice is published, affected persons who wish to intervene will have 30 days in which to file such a petition in accordance with 10 CFR 2.714 as discussed in detail in the *Federal Register* Notice. An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will be designated to preside over the hearing, consider evidence presented, and make findings on whether to issue an ESP to Exelon. If the Board's findings support issuance of an ESP, they will also determine what conditions or limitations, if any, should be placed on it. The Commission will consider the staff recommendations and Board's findings in making its decision whether an ESP is to be issued. The NRC staff expects the process to take approximately 35 months from receipt of the application to the final Commission decision.

We hope you have found this letter to be informative. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Nanette Gilles, the Safety Project Manager for the Clinton ESP application, by e-mail at nvg@nrc.gov or by telephone at 301-415-1180. If you have questions regarding the environmental review, please contact Thomas Kenyon, the Environmental Project Manager for the Clinton ESP review, by e-mail at ClintonEIS@nrc.gov or by telephone at 301-415-1120.

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