

December 15, 2003

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SUBJECT: LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 - CORRECTION TO ISSUANCE  
OF AMENDMENTS (TAC NOS. MB9004 AND MB9005)

Dear Mr. Skolds:

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We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos.: 50-373 and 50-374

Enclosures: 1. Amendment No. 149 to NPF-18  
2. Safety Evaluation cover page

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LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 149  
License No. NPF-18

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
  - A. The application for amendment filed by the Exelon Generation Company, LLC (the licensee), dated May 19, 2003, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
  - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission;
  - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
  - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
  - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the enclosure to this license amendment and paragraph 2.C.(2) of the Facility Operating License No. NPF-18 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 149, and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Attachment: Changes to the Technical  
Specifications

Date of Issuance: December 15, 2003

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NOS. 163 AND 149

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NOS. NPF-11 AND NPF-18

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Replace the following page of the Appendix "A" Technical Specifications with the enclosed page. The revised page is identified by amendment number and contain marginal lines indicating the area of change.

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 163 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-11  
AND AMENDMENT NO. 149 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-18  
EXELON GENERATION COMPANY, LLC  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

By application dated May 19, 2003, Exelon Generation Company (EGC, the licensee) requested changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) for the LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2. The proposed changes would revise Appendix A, Technical Specifications (TS), of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-11 and NPF-18, respectively. Specifically, the proposed change will decrease the frequency associated with TS Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.7.7.1 for Turbine Bypass Valve (BPV) testing from 7 to 31 days. The proposed change is consistent with the testing frequency contained in NUREG-1434, "Standard Technical Specifications General Electric Plants, BWR/6," Revision 2, dated June 2001, for BPV testing.

The 7-day frequency associated with SR 3.7.7.1 was established in the LaSalle County Station (LSCS) TS during conversion to improved Standard Technical Specifications (STS) format due to the testing frequency contained in the LSCS custom TS and the difficulties experienced with other Electro-Hydraulic Control (EHC) system valves to consistently pass their surveillance tests. LSCS has recently re-evaluated the performance of these valves and has determined that the current performance of these valves supports decreasing the testing frequency of the BPVs from 7 to 31 days.

## 2.0 REGULATORY EVALUATION

The staff finds that the licensee in Section 4.0 of Attachment 2 to its submittal identified the applicable regulatory requirements. The regulatory requirements for which the staff based its acceptance are described below.

The staff reviewed the proposed changes for compliance with Section 50.36 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), and agreement with the precedent as established in NUREG-1434. In general, licensees cannot justify technical specification changes solely on the basis of adopting the model Standard Technical Specifications (STS). To ensure this, the staff makes a determination that proposed changes maintain adequate safety. Changes that result in relaxation (less restrictive condition) of current TS requirements require detailed justification.

In general, there are two classes of changes to technical specifications: (1) changes needed to reflect contents of the design basis (TS that are derived from the design basis), and (2) voluntary changes to take advantage of the evolution in policy and guidance as to the required content and preferred format of technical specifications over time. This amendment deals with