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September 17, 2014

Mr. Michael J. Pacilio
President and Chief Nuclear Officer
Exelon Nuclear
4300 Winfield Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION - REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION REGARDING PRELIMINARY DECOMMISSIONING COST
ESTIMATE AND ANNUAL DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING STATUS REPORTS

Dear Mr. Pacilio:

On December 9, 2010, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon or the licensee) and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) executed an Administrative Consent Order (ACO). Under the terms of that ACO, Exelon agreed to permanently cease operations at Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS) no later than December 31, 2019.

Pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.82(a)(1)(i), Exelon certified, by letter dated January 7, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML110070507), to permanently cease operations at OCNGS. Exelon stated, in part, that "[i]n terms of the requirements of 10 CFR 50.4(b)(8), OCNGS shall terminate operations no later than December 31, 2019."

The regulations in 10 CFR 50.75 contain requirements regarding "Reporting and recordkeeping for decommissioning planning."

Specifically, the regulations in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1) and (2) state, in part, that:

...Any licensee for a plant that is within 5 years of the projected end of its operation, or where conditions have changed such that it will close within 5 years (before the end of its licensed life), or that has already closed (before the end of its licensed life), or that is involved in a merger or an acquisition shall submit this report annually.

Additionally, the regulations in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(3) state the following:

Each power reactor licensee shall at or about 5 years prior to the projected end of operations submit a preliminary decommissioning cost estimate which includes an up-to-date assessment of the major factors that could affect the cost to decommission.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 50.75(f)(3), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff requests that Exelon submit an OCNGS preliminary decommissioning cost estimate on or about December 31, 2014.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1) and (2), the NRC staff requests that Exelon submit the OCNGS decommissioning funding status report annually.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (301) 415-3100 or by e-mail at John.Lamb@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Lamb", written over a horizontal line.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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In accordance with 10 CFR 50.75(f)(3), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff requests that Exelon submit a OCNCS preliminary decommissioning cost estimate on or about December 31, 2014.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1) and (2), the NRC staff requests that Exelon submit the OCNCS decommissioning funding status report annually.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (301) 415-3100 or by e-mail at John.Lamb@nrc.gov.

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