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Project Name: LaSalle Power Plant License Renewal

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached species list identifies any federally threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project or may be affected by your proposed project. The list also includes designated critical habitat if present within your proposed project area or affected by your project. This list is provided to you as the initial step of the consultation process required under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act, also referred to as Section 7 Consultation.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 requires that actions authorized, funded, or carried out by Federal agencies not jeopardize federally threatened or endangered species or adversely modify designated critical habitat. To fulfill this mandate, Federal agencies (or their designated non-federal representative) must consult with the Service if they determine their project "may affect" listed species or critical habitat.

Under 50 CFR 402.12(e) (the regulations that implement Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act) the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally. You may verify the list by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website <http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/> at regular intervals during project planning and implementation and completing the same process you used to receive the attached list. As an alternative, you may contact this Ecological Services Field Office for updates.

Please use the species list provided and visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Region 3 Section 7 Technical Assistance website at - <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/s7process/index.html>. This website contains step-by-step instructions which will help you determine if your project will have an adverse effect on listed species and will help lead you through the Section 7 process.

For all wind energy projects and projects that include installing towers that use guy wires or are over 200 feet in height, please contact this field office directly for assistance, even if no federally listed plants, animals or critical habitat are present within your proposed project or may be affected by your proposed project.

Although no longer protected under the Endangered Species Act, be aware that bald eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 et seq.) and Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq), as are golden eagles. Projects affecting these species may require measures to avoid harming eagles or may require a permit. If your project is near an eagle nest or winter roost area, see our Eagle Permits website at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/midwestbird/EaglePermits/index.html> to help you determine if you can avoid impacting eagles or if a permit may be necessary.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment



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Official Species List

Provided by:

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Project Type: Power Generation

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Project Description: The US NRC licenses operation of nuclear power plants. Exelon operates LaSalle County Station Units 1 and 2, whose licenses expire in 2022 and 2023. Exelon requested NRC renew the licenses for 20 more years. LaSalle is in LaSalle County IL, 5 mi south of the Illinois River, and occupies 3,875 ac, including a 2058 ac cooling pond and various structures. Underground intake and discharge pipes connect the cooling pond to the Illinois River to provide cooling water and receive discharges.

Please Note: The FWS office may have modified the Project Name and/or Project Description, so it may be different from what was submitted in your previous request. If the Consultation Code matches, the FWS considers this to be the same project. Contact the office in the 'Provided by' section of your previous Official Species list if you have any questions or concerns.



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Project Counties: La Salle, IL



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Endangered Species Act Species List

There are a total of 6 threatened or endangered species on your species list. Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 1 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions. Critical habitats listed under the **Has Critical Habitat** column may or may not lie within your project area. See the **Critical habitats within your project area** section further below for critical habitat that lies within your project. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

Clams	Status	Has Critical Habitat	Condition(s)
Sheepnose Mussel (<i>Plethobasus cyphus</i>)	Endangered		
Flowering Plants			
Decurrent False aster (<i>Boltonia decurrens</i>)	Threatened		
Eastern Prairie Fringed orchid (<i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>)	Threatened		Will this project impact, directly or indirectly, emergent wetland, wet meadow, sedge meadow, fen, wet to mesic prairie, or marsh edges?
Leafy prairie-clover (<i>Dalea foliosa</i>)	Endangered		
Mammals			
Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) Population: Entire	Endangered		
northern long-eared Bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>)	Proposed Endangered		



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Critical habitats that lie within your project area

There are no critical habitats within your project area.