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Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Docket ID NRC-2016-0195

ATTN: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff,

Operation Oswego County, Inc. is an economic development organization that has been the designated economic development arm for Oswego County, NY since 1953. The nuclear industry has been a vital component of our economy and for the economy of Central New York and Upstate New York. The FitzPatrick plant alone employs 600 people, provides jobs for over 1,000 building tradesmen and skilled workers for refueling, maintenance and outages. It has a \$500 million annual impact on the regional economy. The plant has a \$70 million annual payroll and pays over \$17 million in local and school property taxes. It contributes significantly to the environment by the avoidance of over 3 million tons of CO₂ emissions annually which represents about 10% of the carbon savings in New York. The 850 megawatt plant provides reliable energy to help support the economy in our region and State.

We are in full support of the transference by the NRC of the operating license from Entergy to Exelon. We are in full support of the purchase of the FitzPatrick plant from Entergy by Exelon for \$110 million.

The economic and environmental future of our region would be much brighter if this transaction comes to fruition.

The continued operation of FitzPatrick by Exelon is vital to the State of New York's goals outlined in the Clean Energy Standard adopted by the New York State Public Service Commission.

We urge the NRC To approve the transfer of the FitzPatrick operating license from Entergy to Exelon. We also urge the NRC to approve the purchase of FitzPatrick from Entergy by Exelon for \$110 million. We urge the NRC to take affirmative action in an expeditious manner whereby the NRC approval will be completed by March 1, 2017 to allow for a closure on the facility by April 1, 2017.

Sincerely,
OPERATION OSWEGO COUNTY, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Michael Treadwell".

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