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SUBJECT: BRAIDWOOD STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; BYRON STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2;
CLINTON POWER STATION, UNIT 1; LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNITS 1
AND 2 - SUMMARY OF JULY 1, 2009, CONFERENCE CALL WITH EXELON
GENERATION COMPANY, LLC, ON DECOMMISSION FUNDING ASSURANCE
(TAC NOS. ME0489, ME0490, ME0496, ME0497, ME0503, ME0531, AND
ME0532)

On July 1, 2009, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a conference call with representatives of Exelon Generation Company, LLC (the licensee). The purpose of the call was to clarify the amount of the decommissioning funding assurance shortfall calculated by the NRC staff for the subject units, to clarify the methodology used by the NRC staff to determine decommissioning funding assurance levels, and to establish a schedule for the submittal of a plan to address the shortfall. A list of attendees is provided as an Enclosure.

For each of the subject units, the NRC staff described its calculation of the minimum amount of financial assurance required by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Sections 50.75(c)(1) and (2). The NRC staff identified the amount credited to the licensee's decommissioning funding assurance total due to contributions, if any, and earnings on its decommissioning trust fund balance. The difference between the minimum required amount and the total amount of decommissioning funding assurance provided, including earnings and contributions, as of December 31, 2008, was identified as a potential shortfall if no adjustments are made by the licensee.

For each unit, the licensee agreed that the amounts described by the NRC staff reflect the licensee's decommissioning funding assurance status as of December 31, 2008.

The licensee agreed to submit its plan on or before July 31, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.4. The licensee agreed that its plan will contain sufficient detailed numerical information to permit the staff to evaluate its plan. The submittal will include the final agreed-upon values for the required minimum amount, projected total amount of decommissioning funding assurance, and the potential shortfall as of December 31, 2008. The NRC staff agreed that (1) the plan could use the actual date of license expiration as the end date for the earnings credit allowed during operation, and (2) realized earnings to date on trust fund balances could be credited to the total amount of decommissioning funding assurance proposed in the plan.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Gratton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Gratton".

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