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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF THE DRAFT
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR
SUBSEQUENT LICENSE RENEWAL OF PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER
STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3

Dear Ms. Lowery:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting a review of the environmental effects of renewing the operating licenses for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3. Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3 are operated by Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) and are located in Peach Bottom Township, York County, Pennsylvania. As part of its review, the NRC has prepared a draft site-specific Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," NUREG-1437. The draft SEIS includes analyses of relevant environmental issues, including potential impacts to historic, archaeological, and cultural resources from activities associated with license renewal.

As stated in our letter to your office dated September 10, 2018, the NRC is conducting Section 106 consultations in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) through the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as outlined in Title 36 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (36 CFR) Section 800.8(c). The NRC has determined that the area of potential effects for this subsequent license renewal is the area at the power plant site and its immediate environs that may be impacted by ongoing routine maintenance and operational activities during the subsequent license renewal term.

As discussed in the draft SEIS, the NRC staff's preliminary determination is that subsequent license renewal would not adversely affect any known historic properties. Further, the NRC's preliminary recommendation is that the adverse environmental impacts of subsequent license renewal for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3 are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy-planning decision-makers would be unreasonable. In support of these conclusions, the NRC conducted an environmental site audit and independent review and evaluation. The NRC also initiated consultation with 15 Federally-recognized American Indian Tribes, notifying them of the proposed action and requesting comments on the scope of the environmental analysis. Documentation of Tribal consultation is presented in Appendix C of the draft SEIS.

A copy of the draft SEIS is enclosed. The draft SEIS is also available through the web-based version of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> under ADAMS Accession No. ML19210D453. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c), we are requesting your comments on the draft SEIS and on our preliminary conclusions. Electronic comments on the draft SEIS may be submitted to the NRC by accessing www.regulations.gov and searching for Docket ID NRC-2018-0130. Written comments should be submitted by mail to the NRC at:

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Please note that the public comment period for the draft SEIS ends on September 23, 2019.

The NRC plans to hold a public meeting to discuss the findings of the draft SEIS on September 12, 2019, at the Peach Bottom Inn, 6085 Delta Road, Delta, PA 17314. The meeting will begin with an open house at 5:00 p.m., followed by an NRC staff presentation and opportunity for public comments at 6:00 p.m. A Notice of Availability of the draft SEIS will be placed in the *Federal Register* and will provide more details about this meeting. A separate Notice of Availability of the draft SEIS will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Nancy Martinez, Physical Scientist, at 630-829-9734 or by e-mail at Nancy.Martinez@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-277 and 50-278

Enclosure:
NUREG-1437, Generic Environmental Impact
Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear
Plants, Supplement 10, Second Renewal

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