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**Illinois Pollution Control Board Grants Provisional Variance to Exelon
Generation Company, LLC**

Chicago – On October 3, 2002, the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a ten-day provisional variance from certain thermal discharge limitations in Exelon's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that would allow Exelon to perform essential maintenance on the lift pump electrical switchgear and operate in the open cycle mode at its nuclear-fueled steam electric generating facility located at the confluence of the Des Plaines and Kankakee Rivers near Morris in Grundy County. The provisional variance will begin when Exelon notifies the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) that the lift station has been taken out of service on October 12, 2002, and continues for ten days or until the project is complete, whichever occurs earlier.

On October 1, 2002, the IEPA recommended that the Board grant the provisional variance. This request was docketed as PCB 03-040. The Board granted the provisional variance based on the IEPA's notification that compliance with certain thermal discharge limitations in Exelon's NPDES permit would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on Exelon. The applicable standards are contained special conditions 4(A), 4(D), and 4(G) of its NPDES permit (IL0002224).

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