

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter Of:)
)
EXELON GENERATION LLC,)
Petitioner,)
)
v.) PCB NO. 2015-204
)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
Respondent.)

NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Office of the Clerk of the
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 14th day of August, 2015, on behalf of Exelon Generation LLC, a **Response to Illinois EPA Recommendation** was filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

Respectfully submitted,

EXELON GENERATION LLC

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**EXELON GENERATION LLC'S RESPONSE TO ILLINOIS EPA
RECOMMENDATION**

Pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 106.1145(c), Exelon Generation LLC ("Exelon") submits the following response to the Recommendation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Recommendation") to the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") regarding Exelon's Petition to Approve Alternate Thermal Effluent Limitations ("Petition") for Exelon's Dresden Nuclear Generating Station ("Dresden Station").

Exelon filed its Petition with the Board on June 12, 2015. In accordance with the requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 106.1145, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") filed its Recommendation on June 27, 2015. The Recommendation states that Illinois EPA agrees that the current effluent limitations governing thermal discharges from Dresden Station are more stringent than necessary to protect the balanced, indigenous population of fish, shellfish, and wildlife in the receiving waters ("BIP"), and that Exelon has demonstrated that the alternative thermal limits for Dresden Station requested in the Petition will adequately protect the BIP. The Recommendation also explains that Exelon satisfied the Board's Early

Screening Requirements of 35 Ill. Admin. Code 106.1115 and the requirements of 35 Ill. Admin. Code 106.1120 regarding review and preparation of the Detailed Plan of Study in support of alternative thermal effluent limits. Based on these determinations, Illinois EPA recommends that the Board grant the relief Exelon requests in its Petition.

Exelon has reviewed Illinois EPA's Recommendation and concurs with the Agency's assessment that Exelon has satisfied the procedural and substantive requirements of Section 316(a) of the Clean Water Act and of 35 Ill. Admin. Code Part 106, Subpart K for approval of the proposed alternative thermal effluent limits. Exelon appreciates the opportunity to respond to Illinois EPA's Recommendation, and respectfully renews its request that its Petition be granted by the Board.

Dated: August 14, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, certify that I have filed Exelon Generation LLC's Response to Illinois EPA Recommendation with:

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