

amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite and no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure. Therefore, the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(ii) and (iii) are met.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(iv)

The proposed exemption is not associated with construction or major renovations of any buildings or structures. Therefore, the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(iv) are met because there is no significant construction impact.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(v)

The proposed exemption does not concern the source term (*i.e.*, potential amount of radiation in an accident) or mitigation. Thus, there is no significant increase in the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents. Therefore, the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(v) are met.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)

The proposed exemption is from the requirement to have a licensed senior operator approve suspensions of security measures in an emergency or during severe weather. Therefore, the requirement from which the exemption is sought involves safeguard plans, materials control, and managerial and organizational matters and, thus, the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi) are met.

Determination Regarding 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25) Requirements

Based on the above, the NRC staff determines that the proposed exemption meets the eligibility criteria for a categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the approval of the proposed exemption.

#### IV. Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, the proposed exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the licensee's request for an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 73.55(p)(1)(i) and (ii) to allow either a licensed senior operator or a CFH to approve the suspension of security measures in an emergency or during severe weather at Dresden once the certifications required under 10 CFR 50.82(a)(1) have been submitted.

The exemption is effective upon receipt.

Dated: August 23, 2021.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[NRC-2021-0001]**

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** Weeks of August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2021.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland and via Teleconference.

**STATUS:** Public and closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### Week of August 30, 2021

*Tuesday, August 31, 2021*

11:30 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative), FirstEnergy Companies and TMI-2 Solutions, LLC (Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2), Petition for Reconsideration of CLI-21-8 (Tentative). (Contact: Wesley Held: 301-287-3591)

*Additional Information:* Due to COVID-19, there will be no physical public attendance. The public is invited to attend the Commission's meeting live; via teleconference. Details for joining the teleconference in listen only mode at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>.

#### Week of September 6, 2021—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 6, 2021.

#### Week of September 13, 2021—Tentative

*Tuesday, September 14, 2021*

10:00 a.m. Briefing on NRC International Activities (Closed—Ex. 1 & 9)

#### Week of September 20, 2021—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 20, 2021.

#### Week of September 27, 2021—Tentative

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

9:00 a.m. Strategic Programmatic Overview of the Operating Reactors and New Reactors Business Lines (Public Meeting). (Contact: Caty Nolan: 301-415-1535)

*Additional Information:* Due to COVID-19, there will be no physical

public attendance. The public is invited to attend the Commission's meeting live by webcast at the Web address—<https://video.nrc.gov/>.

#### Week of October 4, 2021—Tentative

*Tuesday, October 5, 2021*

10:00 a.m. Meeting with the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (Public Meeting). (Contact: Suzanne Dennis: 301-415-0760)

*Additional Information:* Due to COVID-19, there will be no physical public attendance. The public is invited to attend the Commission's meeting live by webcast at the Web address—<https://video.nrc.gov/>.

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

10:00 a.m. Meeting with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (Public Meeting). (Contact: Larry Burkhart: 301-287-3775)

*Additional Information:* Due to COVID-19, there will be no physical public attendance. The public is invited to attend the Commission's meeting live by webcast at the Web address—<https://video.nrc.gov/>.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Wesley Held at 301-287-3591 or via email at [Wesley.Held@nrc.gov](mailto:Wesley.Held@nrc.gov). The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

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The NRC is holding the meetings under the authority of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: August 25, 2021.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-454 and STN 50-455; NRC-2021-0156]

### Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption in response to a September 28, 2020, request from Exelon Generation Company, LLC. The exemption allows either a licensed senior operator or a certified fuel handler to approve the emergency suspension of security measures for Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 during certain emergency conditions or during severe weather after both the certification of permanent cessation of operations and the certification of permanent fuel removal have been docketed for the facility.

**DATES:** The exemption was issued on August 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2021-0156 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2021-0156. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is

available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- *Attention:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joel S. Wiebe, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6606; email: [Joel.Wiebe@nrc.gov](mailto:Joel.Wiebe@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the exemption is attached.

Dated: August 25, 2021.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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### Attachment: Exemption

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Docket Nos. STN 50-454 and STN 50-455

### Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2

### Exemption Related to the Approval Authority for Suspension of Security Measures in an Emergency or During Severe Weather

#### I. Background

Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) is the holder of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66 for the Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Byron). The licenses provide, among other things, that the facility is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission), now or hereafter in effect. The Byron facility consists of two pressurized-water reactors located in Ogle County, Illinois.

By letter dated September 2, 2020 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20246G613), Exelon provided formal notification to the NRC pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Sections 50.82(a)(1)(i) and 50.4(b)(8) of the intention to permanently cease power operations at Byron on or before September 30, 2021.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.82(a)(1)(i)-(ii) and 50.82(a)(2), the 10

CFR part 50 licenses for the facility will no longer authorize reactor operation or emplacement or retention of fuel in the reactor vessel after certifications of permanent cessation of operations and permanent removal of fuel from the reactor vessel are docketed for Byron. As a result, licensed senior operators (*i.e.*, individuals licensed under 10 CFR part 55 to manipulate the controls of a facility and to direct the licensed activities of licensed operators) will no longer be required to support plant operating activities. Instead, certified fuel handlers (CFHs) (*i.e.*, non-licensed operators who have qualified in accordance with a fuel handler training program approved by the Commission) will perform activities associated with decommissioning, irradiated fuel handling, and management. Commission approval of a fuel handler training program is needed to facilitate these activities.

By letter dated September 24, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20269A233), Exelon submitted a request for Commission approval of the CFH Training and Retraining Program for Byron. By letter dated August 17, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21076A371), the Commission approved the CFH Training and Retraining Program for Byron. The CFH Training and Retraining Program is to be used to satisfy training requirements for the plant personnel responsible for supervising and directing the monitoring, storage, handling, and cooling of irradiated fuel in a manner consistent with ensuring the health and safety of the public. As stated in 10 CFR 50.2, "Definitions," CFHs are qualified in accordance with a Commission-approved training program.

#### II. Request/Action

The Commission's regulation at 10 CFR 73.55(p)(1) addresses the suspension of security measures in an emergency (10 CFR 73.55(p)(1)(i)) or during severe weather (10 CFR 73.55(p)(1)(ii)) by stating:

The licensee may suspend implementation of affected requirements of this section under the following conditions:

(i) In accordance with §§ 50.54(x) and 50.54(y) of this chapter, the licensee may suspend any security measures under this section in an emergency when this action is immediately needed to protect the public health and safety and no action consistent with license conditions and technical specifications that can provide adequate or equivalent protection is immediately apparent. This suspension of security measures must be approved as a minimum by a licensed senior operator before taking this action.