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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 405-106 – Maryland
Conowingo Hydroelectric Project
Exelon Generation Company

Ronald H. Fithian, Chairman
Clean Chesapeake Coalition
210 South Cross Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Reference: Request for Meeting

Dear Mr. Fithian:

On March 1, 2013, you filed a letter requesting an opportunity to meet with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) officials to discuss your concerns regarding sediment scour from the Conowingo Hydroelectric Project No. 405 and its effects on the Chesapeake Bay. You state that Exelon had met with Commission staff on numerous occasions to discuss relicensing and you ask to be afforded the same opportunity. You also ask that this meeting take place prior to the Commission issuing its notice that the application is ready for environmental analysis.

While staff is interested in your views and urge you to file any comments that you have, as a rule, staff does not meet separately with interested entities during the licensing process. Although we do not meet separately with interested entities, the Commission's integrated licensing process provides numerous opportunities for stakeholder input. The integrated licensing process that Exelon began in March 2009 provided a number of opportunities for stakeholder involvement, including public scoping meetings and site visits, study plan meetings, study report meetings, and comments on the draft license application. Although Exelon filed its final license application in August 2012, there will continue to be opportunities to provide comments, including when we issue the notice that the application is ready for environmental analysis and the draft environmental document prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Please note that your letter has been placed in the public record and we will consider your concerns as we conduct our environmental analysis.

If you have any questions regarding the licensing process, please don't hesitate to contact Emily Carter, the Commission's project coordinator for the Conowingo Project, at (202) 502-6512, or via email at Emily.Carter@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

John B. Smith, Chief
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Division of Hydropower Licensing