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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT
PROPOSED RELICENSING OF THE
CONOWINGO HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Date: October 13, 2017

Exelon Corporation, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon), has filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) an application for a New License for the continued operation of the Conowingo Hydroelectric Project. Under federal law and as part of FERC's relicensing process, Exelon is required to obtain a Clean Water Act (CWA), Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the Maryland Department of the Environment ("MDE" or "the Department"). Section 401 of the CWA requires that any applicant for a federal license or permit for any activity that may result in any discharge into navigable waters obtain from the State in which the discharge originates a certification that any such discharge meets State water quality standards and limitations. In accordance with this requirement, Exelon applied to MDE for the WQC on May 16, 2017.

Applicant: Exelon Generation Company, LLC
300 Exelon Way
Kennett Square, PA 19348

Application # 17-WQC-02
Lower Susquehanna River and Upper Chesapeake Bay
Use I & 2 Waters

The purpose of this public notice is to announce the date of a public hearing on the subject application. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for the following date, time, and location:

Date: December 5, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Harford Community College
Darling Hall, room 202 A,B&C
401 Thomas Run
Bel Air, Maryland 21015

The purpose of the public hearing is to take testimony/statements from interested persons/parties. Depending on the number of speakers, a time limit per speaker may be imposed to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to present their views.

Background Information: Exelon's application for the WQC was received on May 16, 2017. The Department's final decision on the application must be rendered by May 15, 2018. On July 10, 2017, pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.08.02, Regulation .10 Water Quality Certification, MDE issued a public notice soliciting comments on Exelon's application. The end of the public comment period was subsequently extended from August 9 to August 23, 2017.

The public comments received in response to the Department's July 10, 2017 public notice are posted on the Department's website at the following link:

<http://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/chp-comments.aspx>

Exelon's application for the WQC and supporting information is available on the Department's website at the following link:

<http://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/ExelonMD-Conowingo-WQCApp.aspx>

Any additional comments on this application may be submitted in writing to Elder Ghigiarelli, Jr., Deputy Program Administrator, Wetlands and Waterways Program, Water and Science Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, MD 21230, or email comments to elder.ghigiarelli@maryland.gov. Comments may also be submitted at the public hearing on December 5, 2017. All comments must be received by December 5, 2017.