

August 7, 2000

Mr. R. P. Powers
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Dear Mr. Powers:

This is to notify you of a change from our letter dated June 13, 2000, where we informed you that your staff would develop the D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant May 2001 initial licensing examinations. It is now our intention that the examinations, tentatively scheduled for the weeks of May 7 and 14, 2001, will be developed by the NRC. This change of plans was discussed during a telephone conversation between Mr. R. Brown and Mrs. A. M. Stone on July 5, 2000.

The NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Supplement 1 of Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations the week of April 16, 2001.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference material identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by September 15, 2000. Any delay in receiving the required reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. R. Brown has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mrs. A. M. Stone at 630-829-9729, or me at 630-829-9733.

Sincerely,

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