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Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77
NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-456 and STN 50-457

Byron Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66
NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-454 and STN 50-455

Clinton Power Station, Unit 1
Facility Operating License No. NPF-62
NRC Docket No. 50-461

Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-11 and NPF-18
NRC Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-29 and DPR-30
NRC Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265

Subject: Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-17, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-17, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated August 22, 2001

This letter provides our voluntary response to the request for information contained in the referenced Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS). The NRC requested that a voluntary response to the RIS be submitted within 30 days of receipt of the RIS. We received RIS 2001-17 on August 22, 2001; accordingly, we are submitting our response by September 21, 2001.

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As requested, Attachment A, "Completed NRC Form 536," contains a separate NRC Form 536 [August 2000], "Operator Licensing Examination Data," for each of our Midwest Regional Operating Group facilities addressed by the RIS. The information provided for each facility includes: the proposed examination preparation schedule for calendar years (CYs) 2002 through 2005; the estimated number of applicants and proposed dates for each of the initial operator license examinations through CY 2005; and the estimated number of candidates that plan to take the Generic Fundamentals Examination in CYs 2002 and 2003.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact J. A. Bauer at (630) 657-2801.

Respectfully,


for K. A. Ainger

Director – Licensing
Mid-West Regional Operating Group

Attachment

cc: Regional Administrator – NRC Region III
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Braidwood Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Byron Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Clinton Power Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Dresden Nuclear Power Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – LaSalle County Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station

Attachment A

**Completed NRC Form 536
for**

**Braidwood Station
Byron Station
Clinton Power Station
Dresden Nuclear Power Station
LaSalle County Station
Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station**

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY

Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77
NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-456 and STN 50-457

NRC REGION

III

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	5	0	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	5	5	0	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	0	0	0	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	07/8/02	11/10/03	N/A	05/01/05
ALTERNATE DATE	07/22/02	12/01/03	N/A	06/01/05

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>			CY <u>03</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	10	0	0

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EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY Byron Station, Units 1 and 2 Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66 NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-454 and STN 50-455	NRC REGION III
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	5	0	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	0	8	0	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	0	2	0	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	N/A	10/27/03 – 11/07/03	N/A	02/14/05 – 02/25/05
ALTERNATE DATE	N/A	11/10/03 – 11/21/03	N/A	02/28/05 – 03/11/05

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>			CY <u>03</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	17	0	0	0

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FACILITY

Clinton Power Station, Unit 1
Facility Operating License No. NPF-62
NRC Docket No. 50-461

NRC REGION

III

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	5	5	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	9	4	4	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	2	2	2	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	07/29/02 – 08/09/02	11/10/03 – 11/21/03	11/08/04 – 11/19/04	11/07/05 – 11/18/05
ALTERNATE DATE	08/21/02	12/08/03	12/06/04	12/05/05

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>			CY <u>03</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	11	0	0	11	0

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FACILITY

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Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

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III

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	4	5	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	10	4	2	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	0	4	3	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	05/28/02 – 06/14/02	06/02/03 – 06/13/03	06/07/04 – 06/18/04	06/06/05 – 06/17/05
ALTERNATE DATE	06/03/02 – 06/21/02	06/09/03 – 06/20/03	06/14/04 – 06/25/04	06/13/05 – 06/24/05

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>03</u>			CY <u>04</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	12	0	0	10	0

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	9	6	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	10	6	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	2	2	0	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	04/08/02 – 04/19/02	05/19/03 – 05/30/03	05/17/04	May
ALTERNATE DATE	May	June	June	June

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>			CY <u>03</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	12	0	0	12	0

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>	CY <u>04</u>	CY <u>05</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	0	5	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	6	0	5	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	3	0	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	12/02/02 – 12/13/02	N/A	04/04	11/05
ALTERNATE DATE	-	N/A	05/04	12/05

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>02</u>			CY <u>03</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THRID	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	10	0	0