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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 2002-09, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2002-09, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated June 6, 2002

This letter provides our voluntary response to the request for information contained in the referenced Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS).

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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 Mid-West Regional Operating Group facilities addressed by the RIS. The information provided for each facility includes: the proposed examination preparation schedule for calendar years (CYs) 2003 through 2006; the estimated number of applicants and proposed dates for each of the initial operator license examinations through CY 2006; and the estimated number of candidates that plan to take the Generic Fundamentals Examination in CYs 2003 and 2004.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact Mr. Brian Sweeney at (630) 657-2836.

Respectfully,



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Manager – Licensing, Dresden and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Stations
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 |
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY <u>03</u> | CY <u>04</u> | CY <u>05</u> | CY <u>06</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY <u>03</u> | CY <u>04</u> | CY <u>05</u> | CY <u>06</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT | 0 | 5 | 8 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPOSED DATES | | | | |
| PRIMARY DATE | N/A | 02/23/04 – 03/01/04 | 09/12/05 – 09/19/05 | N/A |
| ALTERNATE DATE | N/A | 03/01/04 – 03/08/04 | 09/19/05 – 09/26/05 | N/A |

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 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |

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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

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY <u>03</u> | CY <u>04</u> | CY <u>05</u> | CY <u>06</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY <u>03</u> | CY <u>04</u> | CY <u>05</u> | CY <u>06</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS | 7 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT | 7 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPOSED DATES | | | | |
| PRIMARY DATE | 12/01/03 | N/A | 06/01/05 | N/A |
| ALTERNATE DATE | 12/08/03 | N/A | 06/08/05 | N/A |

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 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 |

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FACILITY

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

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| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY <u>03</u> | CY <u>04</u> | CY <u>05</u> | CY <u>06</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY <u>03</u> | CY <u>04</u> | CY <u>05</u> | CY <u>06</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS | 0 | 6/5 | 4 | 4 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT | 0 | 6/4 | 3 | 3 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE | 0 | 1/2 | 3 | 3 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPOSED DATES | | | | |
| PRIMARY DATE | N/A | 01/05/04 – 01/16/04 and 11/08/04 – 11/19/04 | 11/07/05 – 11/18/05 | 11/06/06 – 11/20/06 |
| ALTERNATE DATE | N/A | 12/06/04 | 12/05/05 | 12/06/06 |

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 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |

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|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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>03</u> | CY <u>04</u> | CY <u>05</u> | CY <u>06</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPOSED DATES | | | | |
| PRIMARY DATE | 06/09/03 – 06/13/03 | 06/07/04 – 06/18/04 | N/A | 06/05/06 – 06/09/06 |
| ALTERNATE DATE | 06/16/03 – 06/20/03 | 06/14/04 – 06/25/04 | N/A | 06/12/06 – 06/16/06 |

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

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| | FIRST | SECOND | THIRD | FIRST | SECOND | THIRD |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT | 5 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPOSED DATES | | | | |
| PRIMARY DATE | 05/19/03 – 05/30/03 | 05/17/04 – 05/28/04 | 05/02/05 – 05/13/05 | N/A |
| ALTERNATE DATE | 06/03 | 06/04 | 06/05 | N/A |

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| | FIRST | SECOND | THIRD | FIRST | SECOND | THIRD |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

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| NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPOSED DATES | | | | |
| PRIMARY DATE | N/A | 06/28/04 | 11/05 | N/A |
| ALTERNATE DATE | N/A | 7/12/04 | 12/05 | N/A |

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| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |