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SUBJECT: : WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3 - NOTIFICATION OF
NRC INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION (EXAMINATION
REPORT 50-382/03-301)

Dear Mr. Venable:

In a telephone conversation on April 3, 2003, between Messrs. T. O. McKernon and A. Vest, Operations Training, arrangements were made for the administration of an initial licensing examination at the Waterford 3 facility during the weeks of August 22 and 25, 2003.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examination based on the guidelines in **DRAFT** Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by May 5, 2003. The written and operating examinations and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by June 30, 2003. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations, and tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examination, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402. Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examination is being administered. Further, the NRC will conduct an examination validation during the week of August 4, 2003.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit the preliminary license application (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certification (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver request (OMB approval

number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the first examination date (July 23, 2003). If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted no later than August 11, 2003.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. A. Vest 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 Tom McKernon at (817) 860-8153, or me at (817) 860-8159.

Sincerely,

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