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THIS LETTER DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING DOCKET NUMBERS:

Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-313; 50-368 Columbia Generating Station, Docket No.: 50-397 Cooper Nuclear Station, Docket No.: 50-298 Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-445; 50-446 Callaway Plant, Docket No.: 50-483 Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-275; 50-323 Fort Calhoun Station, Docket No.: 50-285 Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Docket No.: 50-416 Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, Docket Nos.: 50-528; 50-529; 50-530 River Bend Station, Docket No.: 50-458 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3, Docket Nos.: 50-361; 50-362 South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos.: 50-498; 50-499 Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, Docket No.: 50-382 Wolf Creek Generating Station, Docket No.: 50-482

SUBJECT: GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS SECTION OF THE WRITTEN OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION

The NRC plans to administer the generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination on March 10, 2004.

To register personnel to take the GFE, an authorized representative of your facility must submit a letter to T. Pat Gwynn, Acting Regional Administrator, Region IV, with a copy addressed as follows:

> William D. Beckner, Chief Reactor Operations Branch (IROB) Mail Stop OWFN 12H4 Division of Inspection Program Management U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Your letter should identify the individuals who will take the examination, and it should certify that they are enrolled in a facility licensee-sponsored program leading to NRC operator or senior operator licensing and that they will have completed their fundamentals training by the date of the examination. The letter should also identify the personnel who will have access to the examinations before they are administered (e.g., proctors) and the address to which the examinations are to be sent. To allow the NRC to assign docket numbers, the letter should be

received by both the NRC Regional Administrator and the Chief, Reactor Operations Branch, 30 days before the examination date. A sample registration letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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<u>Enclosure</u>

Sample Registration Letter

Dr. Bruce S. Mallett Regional Administrator U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400 Arlington, TX 76011

Dear (Name),

(Facility name) requests to have the (number) individuals listed below take the (specify BWR or PWR) generic fundamentals examination (GFE) section of the written operator licensing examination to be administered on (date). All the personnel are enrolled in the (facility name) operator licensing training program and will have completed the generic fundamentals portion of the program by the examination date.

Date of Birth Previous Docket No.

(Insert the name, date of birth, and the previous Part 55 Docket Number (if applicable) for each person.)

The following personnel will have access to the examinations before they are administered:

<u>Name</u>

Name

Title

(Insert the name and title of each person who will be given access to the examinations before they are administered (e.g., proctors).

The examinations should be sent to the following address:

<u>Name, Title</u> <u>Address</u> <u>City, State Zip Code</u>

If you have any questions please contact (facility contact name) at (telephone number).

Sincerely,

Name, title

cc: Chief, Reactor Operations Branch