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**SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION - OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION APPROVAL NRC EXAMINATION REPORT 05000397/2004-301**

Dear Mr. Parrish:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examination at the Columbia Generating Station.

The NRC has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. R. Guthrie, Operation Training Supervisor. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," on September 20, 2004. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the weeks of September 20 and 27, 2004.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Tom McKernon, at 817 860-8153, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (reactor or senior operator) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

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