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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

Subject: Revised Byron Station Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2004-10, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

- References: (1) NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2004-10, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated June 14, 2004
- (2) Letter from Michael P. Gallagher (Exelon Generation Company, LLC/AmerGen Energy Company, LLC) to U. S. NRC, "Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2004-10, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"," dated July 14, 2004

In Reference 1, the NRC requested licensees to voluntarily submit a response concerning initial operator licensing examination needs, including an estimate of the number of applicants to be examined and intentions regarding the preparation of the examinations. Attachments 1 through 10 of Reference 2 provided the responses to RIS 2004-10 for Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) and AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen) plants. Attachment 2 of Reference 2 provided the operator licensing examination information for Byron Station on NRC Form 536.

The current Byron Station operator licensing class was suspended to include additional Senior Reactor Operator candidates; therefore, candidates are being added to the Generic Fundamentals examination schedule in 2005 and the examination preparation and initial operator license examinations are being rescheduled to 2006. Attachment 1 provides a revised Byron Station NRC Form 536 reflecting the revised operator licensing examination data.

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Should you have any questions related to this matter, please contact Ernest W. Topping, Initial License Training Group Lead, at 815-406-3134.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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Site Vice President
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Attachment 1: Revised Byron Station NRC Form 536

cc: Regional Administrator - NRC Region III w/ attachment
NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Byron Station w/ attachment

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records Management Branch (T-6 E6), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY	NRC REGION
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	III

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2005</u>	CY <u>2006</u>	CY <u>2007</u>	CY <u>2008</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2005</u>	CY <u>2006</u>	CY <u>2007</u>	CY <u>2008</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	1	8	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	0	10	8	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	0	0	2	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	N/A	06/19/06	11/05/07	N/A
ALTERNATE DATE	N/A	06/26/06	11/12/07	N/A

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2005</u>				CY <u>2006</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	0