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**SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 -  
NOTIFICATION OF NRC INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION  
05000445/2005302; 05000446/2005302**

Dear Mr. Blevins:

In a telephone conversation on May 25, 2005, between Messrs. Steve Sewell, Operations Training Manager, and Tom Stetka, NRC Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of a licensing written retake examination at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station during the week of September 12, 2005.

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

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outline by July 1, 2005. The written examination and supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 to ES-201 will be due by August 1, 2005. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations, an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outline and written examination before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. The examination 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 examination 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 to NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examination is being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit the preliminary reactor operator license application (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), the medical certification (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any) (OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before September 12, 2005. If the application is not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. A signed application certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before September 12, 2005.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Sewell 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 Stetka at 817-860-8247, or myself at 817-860-8159.

Sincerely,

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