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SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS -
VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT - 05000424/2005302 AND
05000425/2005302

Dear Mr. Grissette:

In a telephone conversation on August 24, 2005, between Mr. Dan Scukanec, Senior Training Instructor, Mr. Thad Thompson, Plant Training Instructor Nuclear, and Mr. Gerry Laska, Senior Operations Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of a licensing retake examination at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant scheduled to be given on November 18, 2005 (written examination).

As agreed during the telephone conversation your staff will prepare a senior reactor operator written examination based on the guidelines in 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 examination is administered. Your staff has also agreed to provide copying services for administering the examination.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outline by September 26, 2005. The written examination as well as the supporting reference materials identified in NUREG 1021, ES-201, Attachment 2, "Reference Material Guidelines For Initial Licensing Examinations," will be due by October 17, 2005. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the examination before it is submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. 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 retake written examination, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with NUREG 1021, ES-402, "Administering Initial Written Examinations."

Appendix E of NUREG 1021, "Policies and Guidelines For Taking NRC Examinations," 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 senior reactor operator license application (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval

number 3150-0090), medical certification (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the examination date. If the application is not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. The signed application certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Dan Scukanec 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 Gerry Laska at (404) 562-4626, (Internet E-mail: GWL1@NRC.GOV), or me at (404) 562-4647, (Internet E-mail: JHM2@NRC.GOV).

Sincerely,

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