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SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS - VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION

Dear Mr. Archie:

In a telephone conversation on February 13, 2007, between Mr. Al Koon, Supervisor Nuclear Operations Training, and Mr. Gerard W. Laska, Senior Operations Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station during the weeks of June 4, 2007 (operating test) and June 11, 2007 (written examination). The on-site preparatory week is scheduled for the week of May 14, 2007.

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

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by March 26, 2007. The written examinations and operating tests, 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 April 16, 2007. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations, and tests before they are 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 examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are being administered.

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

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Al Koon 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 Gerard W. Laska at (404) 562-4626, (Internet E-mail: gwl1@nrc.gov), or me at (404) 562-4607, (Internet E-mail: rch@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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