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September 12, 2007

Virginia Electric and Power Company ATTN: Mr. David A. Christian Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer Innsbrook Technical Center 5000 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen, VA 23060

## SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS -SURRY POWER STATION - 05000280/2008301 AND 05000281/2008301

Dear Mr. Christian:

In a telephone conversation on September 4, 2007, between Mr. David Wilson, Supervisor Nuclear Training, and Mr. Frank Ehrhardt, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Surry Power Station. The operating tests are scheduled to be administered during the weeks of March 17 and March 24, 2008. The written examinations are scheduled to be administered the week of March 31, 2008. The onsite preparatory week is scheduled for the week of February 25, 2008.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will prepare the written examination and your staff will prepare the operating tests based on the guidelines in Revision 9, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the written examination during the week of February 4, 2008. Your staff will also provide copying services for administering the examinations.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference material identified in NUREG 1021, ES-201, Attachment 2, "Reference Material Guidelines For Initial Licensing Examinations," by December 18, 2007. We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. Any delay in receiving the reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examination 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 NUREG 1021, ES-402, "Administering Initial Written Examinations," and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with NUREG 1021, ES-302, "Administering Operating Tests To Initial License Applicants," 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.

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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 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. David Wilson 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 Mr. Frank Ehrhardt at (404) 562-4611, (Internet E-mail: fje@nrc.gov), or me at (404) 562-4607, (Internet E-mail: rch@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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