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SUBJECT: GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION - NOTIFICATION OF NRC INITIAL  
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION 05000416/2009301

Dear Mr. Douet:

In a telephone conversation on August 7, 2008, between Messrs. Charlie Roberts, Stephen Garchow, Chief Examiner, and Gabriel Apger, Chief Examiner Under Instruction, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station during the week of March 2, 2009.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will prepare the written examination, one scenario and all of the job performance measures. Your staff will prepare two scenarios. Examination development will be based on the guidelines in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1, and NUREG-1123, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators," Revision 2, Supplement 1. The NRC's regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered. Your staff will also be given the opportunity to review the portions of the examination developed by the NRC during the week of November 3, 2008.

The two scenarios will be due by January 16, 2009. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 55.40(b)(3)), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the scenarios 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 materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled. In addition, your support for on-site validation of the examinations is required during the week of January 26, 2009.

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 to 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 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. Roberts 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. Garchow at 817-276-4426, Mr. Apper at 817-276-6508, or myself at 817-860-8159.

Sincerely,

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