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**SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION – OPERATOR LICENSING WRITTEN
EXAMINATION APPROVAL 5000413/2008301 AND 414/2008301**

Dear Mr. Weatherford:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing written examination at Catawba Nuclear Station.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. Hubert Dameron, Initial Training Supervisor. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests to these individuals, as applicable, during the week of December 1, 2008. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject written examination and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examination in accordance with Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," on December 10, 2008.

This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for operator training at your facility. Based on this review I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operators at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at (404) 562-4550.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Gerry Laska, at (404) 562-4626, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant on the list of approved applicants.

Sincerely,

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Malcolm T. Widmann, Chief
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Docket Nos.: 50-413 and 50-414
License Nos.: NPF-35 and NPF-52

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