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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL
(HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION, UNIT 1)

Dear Mr. Barnes:

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The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examinations Standards for Power Reactors," the week of February 9, 2009. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of February 2-6, 2009. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed 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 operator applicants 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 (610) 337-5046.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Joseph D'Antonio, at 610-337-5085 if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

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