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SUBJECT: COMANCHE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 and 2 - NOTIFICATION OF
NRC INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION 05000445/2010302;
05000446/2010302

Dear Mr. Flores:

In a telephone conversation on May 11, 2010, between Messrs. Garry Struble, Operations Training Supervisor, and Clyde Osterholtz, Acting Chief Examiner. Arrangements were made for the validation and administration of a retake licensing examination (operating test only) at Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant during the week of July 5, 2010.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examination based on the guidelines in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1, and NUREG-1122, "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 examination is administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by June 1, 2010. The operating test and supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by June 15, 2010. 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 outlines and test 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 operating test, 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 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) by June 15, 2010. If the applications are not received by June 15, 2010, a postponement may be necessary. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Garry Struble 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. Clyde Osterholtz at 817-860-8269, or myself at 817-860-8159.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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