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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1
AND 2 - NRC EXAMINATION REPORT 05000498/2010301; 05000499/2010301

Dear Mr. Halpin:

On May 27, 2010, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an initial operator license retake examination at South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2. The enclosed report documents the examination findings and licensing decisions. A telephonic exit meeting was conducted on June 7, 2010, with Mr. Ken Struble, Supervisor Operations Training, who was provided the NRC licensing decision.

The retake examination included the evaluation of one applicant for reactor operator license and was comprised of the written examination. The applicant passed the operating test during the December 2009 initial license examination. The license examiner determined that the applicant satisfied the requirements of 10 CFR Part 55, and the appropriate license has been issued. There were no post-examination comments submitted by your staff. The enclosure to this letter contains the details of this report.

No findings of significance were identified during this examination.

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Sincerely,

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Report: 05000498/2010301; 05000499/2010301
Licensee: STP Nuclear Operating Company
Facility: South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2
Location: Wadsworth, Texas
Dates: May 27 through June 7, 2010
Inspectors: G. Apger, Chief Examiner
Approved By: Mark S. Haire, Chief
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ER05000498/2010301; 05000499/2010301; 05/27/2010 – 06/07/2010; South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2; Initial Operator Licensing Examination Report.

An NRC examiner evaluated the competency of one applicant for reactor operator license at South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2.

The licensee developed the written examination using NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1. The written examination was administered by the licensee on May 27, 2010.

The examiner determined that the applicant satisfied the requirements of 10 CFR Part 55 and the appropriate license has been issued.

A. NRC-Identified and Self-Revealing Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

B. Licensee-Identified Violations

None.

REPORT DETAILS

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

4OA5 Other Activities (Initial Operator License Examination)

.1 License Applications

a. Scope

The NRC examiner reviewed the license application submitted to ensure the applicant satisfied relevant license eligibility requirements. The examiner also audited the license application in detail to confirm that it accurately reflected the subject applicant's qualifications. This audit focused on the applicant's experience and on-the-job training, including control manipulations that provided significant reactivity changes. Additionally, the examiner reviewed remedial actions by South Texas Project for the applicant to ensure the applicant met 10 CFR 55 and NUREG-1021 requirements for a retake examination.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

.2 Examination Development

a. Scope

The NRC examiners reviewed the written examination outline and draft examination submitted by the licensee against the requirements of NUREG-1021.

b. Findings

The NRC examiner provided outline and draft examination comments to the licensee. The licensee satisfactorily completed comment resolution prior to examination administration.

The NRC examiner determined that the written examination initially submitted by the licensee was within the range of acceptability expected for a proposed examination.

.3 Operator Knowledge and Performance

a. Scope

On May 27, 2010, the licensee proctored the administration of the written examination to the applicant. The licensee staff graded the written examination, analyzed the results, and presented their analysis to the NRC on June 4, 2010.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

The applicant passed the written examination. The final written examination may be accessed in the ADAMS system under the accession number noted in the attachment. There were no post-examination comments as indicated in the licensee submittal.

.4 Simulation Facility Performance

a. Scope

The NRC did not observe simulator performance because this was a retake of the written examination.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

.5 Examination Security

a. Scope

The NRC examiner discussed examination security with the facility to ensure compliance with 10 CFR 55.49 and NUREG-1021.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

40A6 Meetings, Including Exit

A telephonic exit was conducted on June 7, 2010, between Ms. Laura Hurley, Licensing Assistant, and Ken Struble, Supervisor Operations Training.

The licensee did not identify any information or materials used during the examination as proprietary.

ATTACHMENT: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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ADAMS DOCUMENTS REFERENCED

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