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**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF REVISION TO INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE  
EXAMINATION: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 1**

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

We have received your Letter L-MT-11-069, dated December 21, 2011. In that letter, you requested the initial operator licensing examination scheduled at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant for January 2013 be delayed two weeks.

In response, we have delayed the January 2013 initial operator licensing exam and rescheduled the examination for the weeks of January 28 and February 4, 2013, at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. An on-site validation is scheduled for the week of January 7, 2013.

We understand that your staff will develop the examination. Because your previous corporate letter indicated that there were more than nine applicants being considered for this examination, the examination was scheduled for two weeks. Please inform us if the number of candidates change for any examination as this will impact the examination schedule.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the examination informing the training manager of the chief examiner's name. The letter will also outline examination security expectations, list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirm the examination date, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the training program.

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