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Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2  
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328

**Subject: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations**

- Reference:**
1. NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated June 8, 2012
  2. Letter from TVA to NRC, "Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2011-04, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated July 7, 2011

Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2012-07 (Reference 1) requested specific information regarding the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant's (SQN) projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants. The enclosure to this letter addresses the NRC's request and provides an estimate of the examination requirements for the SQN on NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data." SQN has no initial operator license examination planned for calendar year 2014.

Please note that the information provided in the enclosure updates the information previously provided in Reference 2. Information on the proposed Generic Fundamentals Examination (GFE) schedule for calendar year 2013 is provided since the estimated number of candidates has been revised and also includes a change from June to September.

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There are no regulatory commitments associated with this submittal. If you have any questions related to this response, please contact Rusty Proffitt at (423) 843-6651.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.W. Shea', written over the printed name.

J.W. Shea  
Vice President, Nuclear Licensing

Enclosure:

NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data

cc (Enclosure):

NRC Regional Administrator – Region II  
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Sequoyah Nuclear Plant

**ENCLOSURE**

NRC Form 536  
Operator Licensing Examination Data

Tennessee Valley Authority  
Sequoyah Nuclear Plant  
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**OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to [Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov), and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY

Sequoyah Nuclear Plant

NRC REGION

Region II

**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2015</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2015</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	7	8	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	6	7	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	1	1	1	1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	05-13-2013	12-02-2013	03-02-2015	11-30-2015
ALTERNATE DATE	05-20-2013	12-09-2013	03-09-2015	12-07-2015

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2013</u>				CY <u>2014</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	15	0	0	11	0	0

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Sequoyah Nuclear Plant	Region II

**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY <u>N/A</u>	CY <u>N/A</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1		
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0		

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY <u>N/A</u>	CY <u>N/A</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	8	8		
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	3	2		
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	1	2		
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0		
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	12-05-2016	12-04-2017		
ALTERNATE DATE	12-12-2016	12-11-2017		

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2015</u>				CY <u>N/A</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	11	0	0				