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February 5, 2013

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**SUBJECT: INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING OPERATING TEST AND WRITTEN
EXAMINATION APPROVAL - INDIAN POINT UNIT 3**

Dear Mr. Ventosa:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at Indian Point Unit 3.

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The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examinations in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examinations Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1, during the week of February 18, 2013. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of February 11, 2013. 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) 337-5306.

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

Sincerely,

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