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August 14, 2013

Mr. Thomas P. Joyce
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**SUBJECT: INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING OPERATING TEST AND WRITTEN
EXAMINATION APPROVAL - HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION**

Dear Mr. Joyce:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at the Hope Creek facility.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. Robert Boesch, Training Manager.

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, on August 27, 2013. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of August 19, 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, Todd Fish, at 610-337-5369, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level Reactor Operator (RO) or Senior Reactor Operator (SRO), or type of examination (partial or complete written examination) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Donald E. Jackson, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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