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SUBJECT: BRAIDWOOD STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION

Dear Mr. Pacilio:

In a telephone conversation on August 4, 2014, between Mr. Matthew Henson, Initial License Group Lead, and Mr. R. M. Morris, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, during the weeks of November 10 and November 17, 2014. In addition, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of October 20, 2014.

We understand that your staff will develop the examinations. Because your letter indicated that there were more than nine applicants being considered for this examination, the examination is scheduled for two weeks. Please inform us if the number of candidates change as this will impact the examination schedule. Also, please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for the examinations.

It will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination and reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 by October 6, 2014. We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. Any delay in receiving the required reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examination to be rescheduled. In order to conduct the requested written examination and operating test, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are being administered.

Your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (e.g., Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any, OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the first examination date, to

allow a timely NRC review and evaluation of the requests. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary.

Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Henson has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. R. M. Morris at 630-829-9508, or I can be reached at 630-829-9707.

Sincerely,

/RA Bruce Palagi Acting for/

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