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November 20, 2015

Mr. Kevin Davison  
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**SUBJECT: SCHEDULING OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS:  
PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 1**

Dear Mr. Davison:

We have received your corporate letter L-XE-15-012, dated May 15, 2015, and site letter L-PI-15-067 dated August 4, 2015, in response to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Issue Summary 2015-05, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." In the letter, you requested initial operator licensing examinations be scheduled for March 2018, December 2019, and September 2021 at your station.

In response, we have scheduled initial operator licensing examinations for the weeks of:

- March 19, and 26, 2018 with an onsite validation date the week of February 26, 2018.
- December 2, and 9, 2019, with an onsite validation date the week of November 4, 2019.

Since our last letter dated January 28, 2015, these dates have changed per your request.

We are not presently scheduling initial operator licensing exams past 2020.

In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately, upon discovery, of such conditions, and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

We understand that your staff will develop these examinations unless we determine it is necessary for the NRC to develop an examination in which case, we will notify you immediately upon discovery of that need. Because your letter indicated that there were more than nine applicants being considered for each of these examinations, the examinations were each scheduled for two weeks.

Please inform us if the number of candidates decline below 10 for any examination, 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.

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Sincerely,

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Hironori Peterson, Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

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