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**SUBJECT: SCHEDULING OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS:
DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 1**

Dear Mr. Boles:

We have received your letter L15-154, dated May 14, 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 December 2017, June 2019, and December 2020 at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. In response, we have scheduled initial operator licensing examinations for the weeks of:

- December 4, and 11, 2017, with an onsite validation date the week of November 13, 2017, and October 23, 2017, for a pre-onsite visit for exam review for an NRC-authored exam.
- June 17, and 24, 2019, with an onsite validation date of the week of May 20, 2019.

Since our last letter dated January 28, 2015, these dates have not changed. We have also scheduled you for the following initial operator licensing examination for the week of:

- December 7, and 14, 2020, with an onsite validation date the week of November 16, 2020.

The NRC will write the examination scheduled in December 2017 in accordance with NUREG 1021, Revision 10. 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 the examinations scheduled for 2019 and 2020 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 nine for any examination, as this will impact the examination schedule.

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Also, please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for the examinations.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 150 days prior to the examination informing the training manager of the chief examiner's name. This corporate notification letter will also outline examination security expectations, list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirm the examination date, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the Training Program.

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Sincerely,

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