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Mr. Eric W. Olson, Site Vice President
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**SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION - NOTIFICATION OF NRC INITIAL OPERATOR
LICENSING EXAMINATION 05000458/2016301**

Dear Mr. Olson:

In a telephone conversation on January 5, 2016, between Messrs. D. Bergstrom, Initial Exam Lead, and K. Clayton, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at River Bend Station during the weeks of September 12 and September 19, 2016.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, the NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 10, and NUREG-1123, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators," Revision 2, Supplement 1. Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations during the week of, or before, August 1, 2016.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 by February 1, 2016. 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 examinations to be rescheduled. In addition, your support for on-site validation of the examinations is required during the week of August 15, 2016.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, 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 shall capture all relevant simulator data (needed for the NRC to make licensing decisions) during the dynamic operating tests and shall retain this data until the examination results are final.

Appendix E to 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.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff shall submit preliminary operator and senior operator license applications (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. 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 shall be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Bergstrom 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. K. Clayton at 817-200-1216 or myself at 817-200-1159.

Sincerely,

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Vincent G. Gaddy, Chief
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