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February 2, 2016

Mr. David R. Vineyard  
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**SUBJECT: EDWIN I. HATCH – NOTIFICATION OF LICENSED OPERATOR INITIAL  
EXAMINATION 05000321/2016301 AND 05000366/2016301**

Dear Mr. Vineyard:

In a telephone conversation on January 20, 2016, between Mr. E. Jones, Plant Nuclear Operations Instructor, and Mr. J. Viera, Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant during the weeks of June 20 and 27, 2016. The written examination is scheduled to be administered during the week of July 4, 2016. The on-site preparatory week is scheduled for the week of May 23, 2016.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 10, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC's regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered. Your staff has also agreed to make copies of all examination materials that are necessary for administering the examination.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the operating test outline by March 22, 2016. Mr. J. Viera provided the written examination outline to your staff in June 2015. The written examinations, operating tests, and supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by April 21, 2016. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 55.40(b)(3)), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the examinations and tests before they are submitted to the Commission for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. 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 examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

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 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.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor 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 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. E. Jones 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. J. Viera at (404) 997-4643, (Internet E-mail: [Joseph.Viera@nrc.gov](mailto:Joseph.Viera@nrc.gov)), or me at (404) 997-4551, (Internet E-mail: [Gerald.McCoy@nrc.gov](mailto:Gerald.McCoy@nrc.gov)).

Sincerely,

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