



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
REGION II
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June 9, 2016

Duke Energy Corporation
ATTN: Mr. J. R. Steely
Training Manager
Oconee Nuclear Station
7800 Rochester Highway
Seneca, SC 29672-0752

SUBJECT: OCONEE – OPERATOR LICENSING WRITTEN EXAMINATION
APPROVAL 05000269/2016301, 05000270/2016301 AND 05000287/2016301

Dear Mr. Steely:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at the Oconee Nuclear Station.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to your office. The NRC staff will administer operating tests to these individuals, as applicable, during the week of June 13, 2016. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject written examination and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examination in accordance with Revision 10 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," the week of June 20, 2016.

This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operators at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at (404) 997-4662.

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Please contact Mr. Richard Baldwin at (404) 997-4642, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant on the list of approved applicants.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Eugene F. Guthrie, Chief
Operations Branch 2
Division of Reactor Safety

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