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**SUBJECT: ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 1 - NOTIFICATION OF NRC RETAKE
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION 05000313/2017302**

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In a telephone conversation on January 24, 2017, between Messrs. R. Martin, Operations Exam Superintendent, and B. Larson, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of a retake licensing examination at Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, during the week of June 5, 2017.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the retake examination (written examination for two reactor operator and one senior reactor operator applicants) based on the guidelines in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 10, and NUREG-1122, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators," Revision 2, Supplement 1. The NRC's regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examination is administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outline by February 20, 2017. The written examination and supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by April 3, 2017. 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 outline and examination before they are submitted to the NRC 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 examination to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examination, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402. In addition, Appendix E to NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examination is being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (OMB approval number 3150-0090) by May 1, 2017. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted by May 22, 2017. If the final signed applications are not received by that date, a postponement may be necessary.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Martin 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. Larson at 817-200-1172, or myself at 817-200-1159.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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