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**SUBJECT: SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
REACTOR OPERATOR WRITTEN RETAKE LICENSE EXAMINATION**

Dear Mr. Rausch:

In a telephone conversation on March 8, 2017, between Mr. Brian Fuller, Chief Examiner and Mr. Bill Gilbert, Operations Training Manager, arrangements were made for the administration of a written retake licensing examination at Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 on May 10, 2017.

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."

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outline by March 31, 2017. The written examination and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by April 10, 2017. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 10 CFR 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 before it is 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.

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. Appendix E of 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 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 examination date.

After you have been notified by the NRC Chief Examiner or Branch Chief that operator licenses have been issued, please direct any inquiries concerning a formal presentation of certificates to this office. Our goal is to have the operator certificates available for your celebration. At least one month advance notice of your celebration arrangements would be appreciated to plan our senior manager attendance and process the certificates.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Gilbert 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 Brian Fuller at (610) 337-5077, or me at (610) 337-5306.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Donald E. Jackson, Chief
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