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NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-456 and STN 50-457

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NRC Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265

Subject: Response to Administrative Letter 99-03, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Reference: NRC Administrative Letter 99-03, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated August 20, 1999

This letter provides our voluntary response to the request for information contained in the referenced Administrative Letter (AL). The NRC requested a voluntary response to the AL be submitted within 30 days of receipt of the AL.

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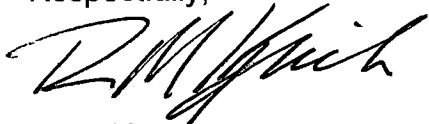
We received AL 99-03 on September 2, 1999. Accordingly, this response is due to be submitted by October 4, 1999.

As requested, the Attachment, "Completed NRC Form 536s," contains a separate NRC Form 536 [July 1999], "Operator Licensing Examination Data," for each of our facilities addressed by the AL. The information provided for each facility includes: the proposed examination preparation schedule for calendar years (CYs) 2001 through 2003; the estimated number of applicants and proposed dates for each of the initial operator license examinations through CY 2003; and the estimated number of candidates that plan to take the Generic Fundamentals Examination in CYs 2000 and 2001.

The CY 2000 license examinations for our facilities and the January 2001 license examinations for Braidwood Station and Dresden Nuclear Power Station are already scheduled with NRC Region III as specified in NRC letters dated September 6 and 8, 1999. Therefore, the attachment reflects only information related to proposed operator license examination dates and applicant numbers which is not included in previously agreed to examination schedules.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Mr. P. R. Simpson at (630) 663-7971.

Respectfully,



R. M. Krich
Vice President – Regulatory Services

Attachment

cc: Regional Administrator – NRC Region III
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Braidwood Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Byron Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Dresden Nuclear Power Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – LaSalle County Station
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station

Attachment

Completed NRC Form 536s

Braidwood Station

Byron Station

Dresden Nuclear Power Station

LaSalle County Station

Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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NRC REGION

III

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>00</u>	CY <u>01</u>	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1 [#]	1	1

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>00</u>	CY <u>01</u>	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	9 [#]	9	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	0	6 [#]	4	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	0	0	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	-	10/01/01 – 10/12/01	07/08/02 – 07/19/02	06/16/03 – 06/27/03
ALTERNATE DATE	-	09/24/01 – 10/05/01	07/15/02 – 07/26/02	06/23/03 – 07/03/03

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>00</u>		CY <u>01</u>	
	FIRST	SECOND	FIRST	SECOND
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	21	0	21

#In addition to the examination and the number of applicants already scheduled in NRC letter dated September 6, 1999.

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	*	1	1	1

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>00</u>	CY <u>01</u>	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	*	7	5	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	*	5	4	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	*	2	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	*	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	*	10/29/01 – 11/09/01	12/09/02 – 12/20/02	12/08/03 – 12/19/03
ALTERNATE DATE	*	11/05/01 – 11/16/01	12/02/02 – 12/13/02	12/01/03 – 12/12/03

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>00</u>		CY <u>01</u>	
	FIRST	SECOND	FIRST	SECOND
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	18	0	16

*Already scheduled in NRC letter dated September 6, 1999.

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	*	1	1

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>00</u>	CY <u>01</u>	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	*	8	7
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	0	*	7	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	0	*	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	0	*	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	-	*	05/27/02 – 06/07/02	06/02/03 – 06/13/03
ALTERNATE DATE	-	*	06/03/02 – 06/14/02	06/09/03 – 06/20/03

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>00</u>		CY <u>01</u>	
	FIRST	SECOND	FIRST	SECOND
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	22

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	*	0	1	1

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>00</u>	CY <u>01</u>	CY <u>02</u>	CY <u>03</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	*	0	6	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	*	0	8	7
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	*	0	2	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	*	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	*	-	01/14/02 – 01/25/02	03/31/03 – 04/11/03
ALTERNATE DATE	*	-	01/21/02 – 02/01/02	04/07/03 – 04/18/03

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>00</u>		CY <u>01</u>	
	FIRST	SECOND	FIRST	SECOND
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	20	0

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NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	*	5	6	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-INSTANT	*	5	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-UPGRADE	*	3	3	3
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS-LIMITED	*	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	*	07/16/01 – 07/27/01	11/04/02 – 11/15/02	11/03/03 – 11/14/03
ALTERNATE DATE	*	07/23/01 – 08/03/01	10/28/02 – 11/08/02	10/27/03 – 11/07/03

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PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>00</u>		CY <u>01</u>	
	FIRST	SECOND	FIRST	SECOND
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	13	0	11

* Already scheduled in NRC letter dated September 8, 1999.