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November 13, 2017

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Attention: Regulatory Affairs  
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**SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT – NOTIFICATION OF NRC  
INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION 05000445/2018301 AND  
05000446/2018301**

Dear Mr. Peters:

In a telephone conversation on August 10, 2017, between Messrs. J. Ruby, Lead Operations Examiner, and K. Clayton, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant during the week of June 11, 2018.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, the NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 11, and NUREG-1123, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators," Revision 2, Supplement 1. Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations during the week of, or before, May 1, 2018.

Your staff has already provided the initial request to furnish the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201, however, you should inform the chief examiner as soon as possible concerning any changes to procedures and/or training materials that could impact the contents of the examinations. We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in any additional responses be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. Any delay in receiving the required reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled. In addition, your support for on-site validation of the examinations is required during the week of May 14, 2018.

In order 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 shall capture and retain all relevant simulator data (e.g., system pressures, levels, temperatures, and flows) during the dynamic operating tests, along with any video and audio recordings of the dynamic operating tests, until the NRC takes licensing action on all of the applications and any adjudicatory actions on any hearing demands are complete.

Appendix E to NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are being developed and administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator waiver or excusal requests (if any) (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090) at least 60 days before the first examination date (if able). Mr. K. Clayton should be contacted to determine the method for submission of the waiver and/or excusal requests. Preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (OMB approval number 3150-0090) and, medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024) should be submitted at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the preliminary applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Final, signed applications certifying that all training has been completed and requesting any waivers or excusals, as applicable, should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

Although the minimum guidelines for receiving waiver or excusal requests is 30 days before the first examination date (preliminary) and 14 days before the first examination date (final), the requests should be submitted as early in the process as possible (see the 60-day guideline, above). Resolutions resulting from verbal inquiries by the licensee to the NRC are not binding. Submittals addressing waivers and/or excusals should be in writing (i.e., on NRC Form 398, or as directed when Mr. K. Clayton is contacted to determine the method for submission). The NRC's final decision on whether to grant a waiver or excusal will be documented on the final (not preliminary) NRC Form 398 submitted for the applicant and will not be provided until the final application is submitted to the NRC.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Ruby 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. K. Clayton at 817-200-1216 or myself at 817-200-1159.

Sincerely,

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