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Arkansas Power and Light Company
Arkansas Nuclear One
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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance regarding the information required on operator and senior operator license renewal applications relating to participation in the operator requalification program. We have found that vagueness or incompleteness in these applications has, at times, caused delay in their processing.

Section 55.33(a)(4) of 10 CFR Part 55 requires that the applicant provide "A statement that during the effective term of his current license the applicant has satisfactorily completed the requalification program for the facility for which operator or senior operator license renewal is sought." "Satisfactorily completed" means that the licensee has been administered the annual examinations and has participated in the lecture series, as required, that he has participated in the on-the-job training; has been evaluated by supervision regarding his performance during abnormal and emergency situations; and has participated in all the other portions of the approved requalification program.

Section 55.33(a)(4) was worded in this manner to preclude the need for the applicant to furnish the details of his participation in the program in his application for license renewal, since it was expected that he would be participating in the program as submitted by the facility licensee and approved by the NRC.

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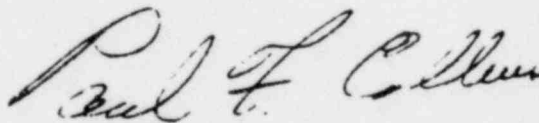
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In order to avoid this office having to request additional information in conjunction with renewal applications, we request that individuals who have completed all portions of the program use the term "satisfactorily completed the requalification program," in the renewal applications. Terms such as "actively engaged," "engaged in," "participating in," should not be used to indicate complete participation.

If the applicant has not completed all portions of the program, those portions not completed should be enumerated in the application for license renewal. In addition, facility management should indicate what action has been taken, or is to be taken, to compensate for the nonparticipation. We recognize that exigencies may arise that cause an operator to miss participation in some aspect(s) of the program and these will not necessarily bar renewal of the license without reexamination. However, all such events must be identified and justified.

Based on our evaluation of this information, and the other information required by Section 55.33(a), we will be better able to make the determination to renew the license with or without reexamination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul F. Collins".

Paul F. Collins, Chief
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