



KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

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VICE PRESIDENT - NUCLEAR

February 25, 1983

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

KMLNRC 83-017
Re: Docket No. STN 50-482
Ref: NRC Generic Letter 83-01 dated 1/11/83 from
DGEisenhut, NRC, to All Power Reactor Licensees
and Applicants for an Operating License
Subj: Operator Licensing Examinations

Dear Mr. Denton:

The Referenced letter requested project schedule requirements for the conduct of Operator Licensing Examinations. This letter is being written in response to that request. The Wolf Creek Generating Station, Unit No. 1, is currently scheduled for fuel loading on October 31, 1984, and our projection of examination dates is contingent upon achieving this date.

We will have requirements for 42 initial (cold) license operator examinations. We request that these be conducted in two groups so that we can continue shift manning to support plant test and operations activities. We prefer to conduct the initial examinations in two groups of 21 and would like to have the tests conducted during the week of July 16-20 and September 17-21, 1984.

Prior to fuel load, we will initiate our first hot licensed operating training class and anticipate requirements for an examination for 5 or 6 license candidates in April 1985.

We also anticipate the need for six to eight Reactor Operator to Senior Reactor Operator upgrade examinations in November 1985. The precise number of candidates will depend on how many operators we could license certify at Reactor Operator level versus Senior Reactor Operator level and the results of our final preexamination audit. This will determine the number of cold license candidates that were examined initially at the Reactor Operator level that have to be upgraded.

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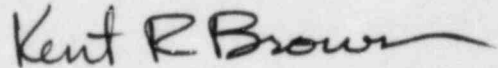
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Generic Letter 83-01 also requests information on requirements for instructor certification examinations for both utility and contract employees. This is a new requirement for plants prior to fuel loading and we are unsure of the implementation schedule. Our instructors who teach licensed operator candidate classes in systems, integrated responses, transient and simulator courses are KG&E employees plus one contract employee. These instructors either have a previous license on a Westinghouse PWR or have completed the Westinghouse SNUPPS Cold License Certification program at the Senior Reactor Operator level. We also have three instructors, supplied by our vendor, who teach these subjects. Our vendor conducts its own instructor certification program. Most of the systems training in our Site specific operator licensing program have already been completed. At the time of fuel load, we plan to license all of our KG&E instructors who are eligible and satisfactorily complete our training program and preexamination audit. Until we receive more guidance on requirements for certifying instructors at preoperational plants, we will defer making an estimate of requirements.

We appreciate the significant and sizeable workload the Operator Licensing Branch will have in the next few years and trust this information will be suitable for your planning purposes. If you require further supporting information, do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



for

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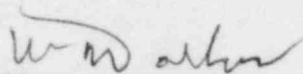
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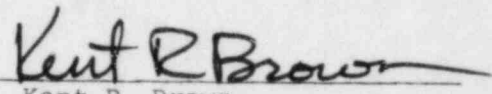
I, Kent R. Brown, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath, do depose, state and affirm that I am Group Vice President - Technical Services of Kansas Gas and Electric Company, Wichita, Kansas, that I have signed the foregoing letter of transmittal for Glenn L. Koester, Vice President - Nuclear of Kansas Gas and Electric Company, know the contents thereof, and that all statements contained therein are true.

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ATTEST:



W.B. Walker, Secretary

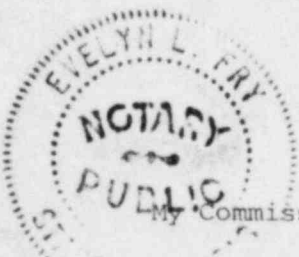
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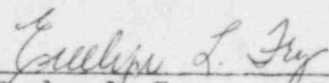
Kent R. Brown
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BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 25th day of February, 1983, before me, Evelyn L. Fry, a Notary, personally appeared Kent R. Brown, Group Vice President - Technical Services of Kansas Gas and Electric Company, Wichita, Kansas, who is personally known to me and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged the execution of the same for and on behalf of Kansas Gas and Electric Company as the act and deed of said Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the date and year above written.





Evelyn L. Fry, Notary

My Commission expires August 15, 1984