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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV  
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April 7, 2020

Mr. Brad Sawatzke  
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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION LICENSED OPERATOR POSITIVE  
FITNESS-FOR-DUTY TEST

Dear Mr. Sawatzke:

On April 1, 2020, in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 26.719, your facility reported that an NRC-licensed operator tested positive following a random fitness-for-duty test administered on April 1, 2020 (Event Report 54630). Although we have obtained preliminary information, this letter is a formal request for information pertaining to this occurrence. Within 30 days of the date of this letter, please provide a response to the questions listed in the enclosure. In addition, please provide other records and information on this operator's fitness-for-duty that are relevant to this occurrence. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please notify us no later than 15 days from the date of this letter with the reasons for the delay and a proposed date of submittal.

We request that any personal, proprietary, or Safeguards Information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. The affidavit required by 10 CFR 2.390(b) must accompany your response, where applicable.

You should determine whether the operator meets the requirements of 10 CFR 55.33(a)(1). You should ensure that (1) the operator meets the general health requirements of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / American Nuclear Society (ANS)-Standard 3.4-1983; (2) the operator does not have a disqualifying condition under Section 5.3 of that standard; and (3) documentation describing the designated physician's conclusion that the operator meets the requirements of ANSI/ANS-3.4--1983 is available for review by the NRC. If a conditional license is requested per 10 CFR 55.25, that condition should be documented on NRC Form 396, "Certification of Medical Examination by Facility Licensee," and sent to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Regional Administrator, Region IV, 1600 East Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX 76011-4511.

If you determine that the operator no longer meets the medical qualifications described in 10 CFR 55.33(a)(1), then, in accordance with 10 CFR 55.25, you must notify the NRC, in writing, of the operator's permanent incapacitation. For example, you must notify the NRC if you determine, based on your employee assistance program in consultation with your designated physician, that the operator can no longer meet the medical criteria of ANSI/ANS-3.4-1983.

The NRC will evaluate the information in your response to this letter to determine if further action is warranted pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50 or Part 55. The information supplied will be maintained in NRC Privacy Systems of Records-16 and will be subject to the Privacy Act.

Please provide a copy of this letter, as well as your response to this letter, to the operator. If you are unwilling to provide this information to the operator for any reason, the NRC will provide the information to the operator when it is available as part of the operator's docket file.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Gregory Werner, Chief, Operations Branch, 817-200-1159. The requested information should be sent to Mr. Werner's attention at NRC Region IV, 1600 East Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX 76011-4511. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Gregory E. Werner, Chief  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 05000397  
Licensee No. NPF-21

Enclosure:  
Fitness-for-Duty Request for  
Additional Information

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Licensed Operator  
Fitness-for-Duty Request for Additional Information

The Columbia Generating Station is requested to provide the following information concerning the fitness-for-duty occurrence (10 CFR Part 26.719) reported on April 1, 2020, regarding the involved licensed operator:

1. Name, Docket Number, and responsibilities of the operator.
2. A summary of the operator's entire fitness-for-duty testing history. Please include the dates and times the operator was tested, the reasons for the tests (i.e., random, for-cause, or follow-up), the results of the tests, including quantification (both initial and confirmatory), and the dates that any tests were confirmed positive.
3. Since this individual was working at home, please provide details associated with the individual's responsibilities (e.g., on standby to report as an on-shift licensed operator, work control personnel, or shift technical advisor)
5. Whether the operator fulfilled a position that was required to meet minimum licensed operating staffing requirements (fire brigade, emergency plan operations, etc.) while under the influence.
6. Whether the operator was involved in procedural errors related to this occurrence. If so, please provide the details of the procedural errors and the consequences of the errors.
7. The extent to which you reviewed the operator's past work history, both on the day of the occurrence and prior to April 1, 2020.
8. Your intentions with regard to the operator's resumption of duties under the 10 CFR Part 50 and Part 55 licenses, including your plans for follow-up testing. Include an estimated timeline, if applicable, for any planned treatment, training, and requalification.

Enclosure