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April 8, 2020

Mr. Darrell Corbin  
Vice President, Operations  
Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.  
Palisades Nuclear Plant  
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway  
Covert, MI 49043-9530

SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Corbin:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at Palisades Nuclear Plant.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved the subject examinations and you may administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 11, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," during the week of April 13, 2020. The NRC staff is currently scheduled to administer the operating tests during the week of May 4, 2020. If administration of the operating tests must be delayed as the National public health emergency continues, a mutually agreeable date for the subsequent administration of the operating tests will be arranged between your facility and myself. In consultation with the Operator Licensing and Human Factors Branch (IOLB) of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the region and your staff have been authorized to exceed the 30-day deviation between the written exam administration and the operating test administration, if needed. This deviation may be needed due to cancellation of the operating test administration originally scheduled for April 6, 2020, and currently rescheduled for May 4, 2020.

This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at 630-829-9868.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Bryan Bergeon, at 630-829-9851, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (Reactor Operator or Senior Reactor Operator) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

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Patricia J. Pelke, Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

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Letter to Darrell Corbin from Patricia J. Pelke dated April 8, 2020.

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