

October 16, 1998

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SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK EXAMINATION REPORT 50-354/98-03 (OL) - SECOND
SUPPLEMENT

Dear Mr. Keiser:

The purpose of this letter is to document the results of our meeting of June 29, 1998 in followup to our letter of June 16, 1998 and to give final results on the examination administered in February 1998 as a result of NRC review from June through September 1998 of applicant appeals on initial grading by Region I.

During the period of February 23, 1998 through March 4, 1998, the NRC administered initial exams to eleven employees of your company who had applied for licenses to operate the Hope Creek Generating Station. We also conducted reviews of related information from March 4 through March 12, 1998 (in-office), May 19 through 21, 1998 (onsite), and May 22 through 28 (in-office). At the conclusion of the onsite operating portion of the examination, the preliminary findings were discussed with Mr. McMahon and members of your staff. Additional discussions occurred on May 28, 1998 between me and Mr. J. Nichols of your staff, and on June 15, 1998, between me and Mr. McMahon of your staff. 1/1

The final results of this examination are all five reactor operator applicants and four of five senior reactor applicants passed their examinations. Also, a senior reactor operator applicant passed the retake on the written portion of the examination. The final written examination grades and the final results of the appeal review did not change NRC staff's conclusions on the problems with candidate preparedness and with quality on the as-submitted initial examination. Te42

During the meeting of June 29, 1998 your representatives adequately addressed the problems noted in our previous report. Overall we feel this meeting was of mutual benefit. The effectiveness of your corrective actions in the area of examination development will be reviewed during the upcoming December 1998 examination being developed by your organization.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at (610) 337-5211.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Examination Report 50-354/98-03 (OL)

cc w/encl; w/Attachments 1-2

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