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SUBJECT: RETAKE WRITTEN INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION

In a telephone conversation on October 26, 1998, between Messrs. Giles and Pellet, arrangements were made for the administration of a written retake licensing examination at Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, during the week of December 14, 1998.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by November 6, 1998. The written examination and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by December 4, 1998. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examination is being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any) (OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the examination date.

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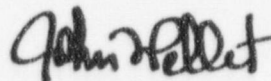
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Giles has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact me at (817)860-8159.

Sincerely,



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