

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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August 8, 2022

Mr. Christopher P. Domingos Site Vice President Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Northern States Power Company, Minnesota 1717 Wakonade Drive East Welch, MN 55089-9642

SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Domingos:

The purpose of this letter is to provide U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval of the proposed written examination and operating test under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 55.40(b)(4) and to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examination at Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations, and you may administer the written examination during the week of August 8, 2022, in accordance with Revision 12 to NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC staff will administer the operating test during the week of August 8, 2022. The NRC has provided the list of the applicants approved to take the examinations to Chad Boegeman, Training Manager. The examinations have 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 examinations meet the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. If administration of the operating tests must be delayed, a mutually agreeable date for the subsequent administration of the operating tests will be arranged between your facility and myself. By administering the written examination, you also agree that the examinations meet NUREG-1021 guidelines and are appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that these examinations are not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the written examination and contact me at 630-829-9868.

Please contact your NRC chief examiner, Chuck Zoia, at 630-829-9863, if you have 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 or operating test, or both) specified for each applicant approved to take the examinations.

Sincerely,

Signed by Pelke, Patricia on 08/08/22

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

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306

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Letter to Christopher P. Domingos from Patricia J. Pelke dated August 8, 2022.

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