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SUBJECT: ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR PLANT – NOTIFICATION OF LICENSED OPERATOR
INITIAL EXAMINATION 05000335/2023301 AND 05000389/2023301

Dear Mr. Coffey:

During a telephone conversation on November 16, 2022, between Mr. B. Hinze, Initial Operations Training Supervisor, and Mr. K. Kirchbaum, Operations Engineer, USNRC, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the St Lucie Nuclear Plant. The on-site preparatory week is scheduled for the week of June 26, 2023. The operating test is scheduled to be administered during the week of August 7, 2023. The written examination is scheduled to be administered during the week of August 21, 2023.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare both the operating test and written examination based on the guidelines in Revision 12 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered. Your staff has also agreed to make copies of all examination materials that are necessary for administering the examination.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the operating test outline by March 10, 2023. Mr. Kirchbaum provided the written examination outline to your staff on November 2, 2022. The written examinations, operating tests, and supporting reference materials identified in NUREG-1021, Examination Standard (ES)-2.1, "Preparing for Operator Licensing Initial Examinations," will be due by May 26, 2023. Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the examinations and tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready to use.

We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. 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.

To conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, your staff will need to provide adequate space and accommodations and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-3.5, "Administering Operating Tests," your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures,

and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the NRC takes licensing action on all the applications and any adjudicatory actions on any hearing demands are complete.

ES-1.2, "Guidelines for Taking NRC Examinations," contains several NRC guidelines for the written examinations and operating tests as they are being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator waiver and/or excusal requests (if any) (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090) at least 60 days before the first examination date (if possible). Contact Mr. Kirchbaum to determine the method for submission of the waiver or excusal requests. Preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (OMB approval number 3150-0090) and medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024) should be submitted 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. Final, signed applications certifying that all training has been completed and requesting any waivers or excusals, as applicable, should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

Although the guidelines for receiving waiver or excusal requests call for at least 30 days before the first examination date (preliminary) and 14 days before the first examination date (final), the requests should be submitted as early as possible in the process (see the 60-day guideline above). Resolutions resulting from verbal inquiries by the licensee to the NRC are not binding. Submittals addressing waivers or excusals, or both, should be in writing (*i.e.*, using NRC Form 398, "Personal Qualifications Statement—Licensee," or as directed by Mr. Kirchbaum when contacting him to determine the method for submission). The NRC will document its final decision on whether to grant a waiver or excusal on the final (not preliminary) NRC Form 398 submitted for the applicant. The NRC will not provide its decision until the final application is submitted to the agency.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Hinze 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 Mr. Kirchbaum at (404) 997-4641, (Internet E-mail: Kevin.Kirchbaum@nrc.gov), or me at (404) 997-4703, (Internet E-mail: Thomas.Stephen@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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