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January 31, 2007

Mr. J. Conway
Site Vice President
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
2807 West County Road 75
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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Conway:

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

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications in connection with this examination and will separately provide a list of approved applicants to Ms. Shawn L. Halbert, Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," during the week of February 19, 2007. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of February 12, 2007.

Please contact Mr. Nicholas A. Valos, at 630-829-9761, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

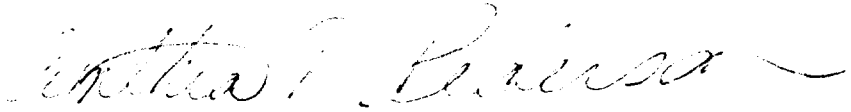
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Cynthia D. Pederson, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-263
License No. DPR-22

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October 20, 2006

Mr. J. Conway
Site Vice President
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
2807 West County Road 75
Monticello, MN 55362-9637

Dear Mr. Conway:

In a telephone conversation on October 11, 2006, between Mr. Joe Ruth, Principal Instructor Operations, and Mr. Nicholas Valos, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant the week of February 12, 2007. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of January 22, 2007.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 9 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, 2006. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 to ES-201 will be due by December 11, 2006. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 55.40(b)(3)), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, 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.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are 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 first examination date.

This letter contains information collections that are subject to the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995* (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). These information collections were approved by the Office of Management and Budget, approval number 3150-0018, which expires on June 30, 2009. The public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 500 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments on any aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@nrc.gov; and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0018), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503-0001.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. J. Ruth 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 Nicholas Valos at 630-829-9761, or me at 630-829-9707.

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Docket 50-263
License No. DPR-22

Proposed Initial License Operator Examinations for 2006 - 2009 as Requested by NRC
Regulatory Issue Summary 2005-19

Reference: 1) NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2005-19, "Preparation and Scheduling
of Operator Licensing Examinations, dated August 24, 2005.

In accordance with the request contained in Reference 1, Monticello Nuclear
Generating Plant is voluntarily submitting the planned initial licensed operator
examination data through 2009. The attached NRC Form 536 provides the
estimated number of applicants to be tested and the proposed primary and alternate
dates for the examinations.

This letter makes no new commitments or changes to any existing commitments.

John T. Conway
Site Vice President, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC

Enclosure

cc: Administrator, Region III, USNRC
Project Manager, Monticello, USNRC
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY 2006 | CY 2007 | CY 2008 | CY 2009 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY 2006 | CY 2007 | CY 2008 | CY 2009 |
|--|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS | 0 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT | 0 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPOSED DATES | | | | |
| PRIMARY DATE | | 01/15/2007 | 05/12/2008 | 01/19/2009 |
| ALTERNATE DATE | | 02/05/2007 | 06/02/2008 | 02/02/2009 |

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY 2006 | | | | CY 2007 | | | |
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cc: H. Peterson
D. M. Neil
B. Salogi
E. L. Sullivan

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
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Docket 50-263
License No. DPR-22

Request for Change of Date for Proposed Initial License Operator Examinations for
2006 as Requested by Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant in Response to Regulatory
Issue Summary 2004-10

Reference: 1) NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2004-10, "Preparation and
Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations.

In response to Reference 1 on September 9, 2004, the Nuclear Management Company
(NMC) requested a date of November 6 through 17, 2006 to conduct an Initial License
Operator Examination for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (MNGP). The NRC
approved the date in a letter to NMC on April 18, 2005.

Due to changes in the schedule for the upcoming Initial Operator License class, NMC is
requesting a change to the examination date to January 15 through 26, 2007.

This letter makes no new commitments or changes to any existing commitments.

John T. Conroy for TJP

Thomas J. Palmisano
Site Vice President, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC

cc: Administrator, Region III, USNRC
Project Manager, Monticello, USNRC
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April 18, 2005

Mr. T. Palmisano
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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
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2807 West County Road 75
Monticello, MN 55362-9637

SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - CONFIRMATION OF
INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATION:

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

In a letter (L-MT-04-062) dated September 23, 2004, your staff requested we schedule an initial license operator examination in either December or November 2006. We have tentatively scheduled the requested examination to occur during the weeks of November 6 and November 13, 2006. On-site validation of the examination is tentatively scheduled to occur at the station during the week of October 9, 2006. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

As stated in your letter, your staff will develop the examination. Your letter indicated that you are training approximately 12 candidates for the examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below nine as this will impact the examination schedule. Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled date for the examination.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the initial examination informing them of the chief examiner's name. The letter will also outline examination security expectations, list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirm the examination dates, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mr. Bruce Palagi of my staff at (630) 829-9611.

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| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPOSED DATES | | | | |
| PRIMARY DATE | 05/02/2005 | 12/04/2006 | | 12/01/2008 |
| ALTERNATE DATE | 06/06/2005 | 11/06/2006 | | 11/03/2008 |

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

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