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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING WRITTEN RETAKE EXAMINATION APPROVAL -
PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION

Dear Mr. Smith:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing retake written examination at the Pilgrim facility.

The NRC has completed its review of the operator license application submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided our approval of the application to Mr. Thomas F. McElhinney, Manager, Training and Development. Note that any examination waivers have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject written examination. The NRC hereby authorizes you to administer the examination in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examinations Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1, on December 21, 2011. This examination has 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 examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at (610) 337-5306.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Todd Fish, at (610) 337-5369, 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 the applicant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Donald E. Jackson", is written over the typed name.

Donald E. Jackson, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

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