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Ms. Karen Fili  
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**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS:  
MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT**

Dear Ms. Fili:

We have received a letter from Xcel Energy L-XE-12-008, dated July 6, 2012, and L-XE-13-012, dated August 14, 2013. In these letters, Xcel Energy requested that initial operator licensing examinations be scheduled at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant in June 2015, October 2016, and October 2018.

In response, we have scheduled the following initial license exam dates:

- Weeks of June 1 and 8, 2015, with an onsite validation date of May 11, 2015;
- Weeks of October 24 and 31, 2016, with an onsite validation date of October 3, 2016; and
- Weeks of October 22 and 29, 2018, with an onsite validation date of October 1, 2018.

The NRC will write the examination scheduled in October 2016 in accordance with NUREG 1021, Revision 9, Supplement 1. 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.

We understand that your staff will develop the examinations for the initial operator licensing exams scheduled in 2015 and 2018 unless we determine it is necessary for the NRC to develop an examination in which case, we will notify you immediately upon discovery of that need. Because your letter indicated that there were more than nine applicants being considered for each of these examinations, the examinations were each scheduled for two weeks. Please inform us if the number of applicants decline below 10 for any examination as this will impact the examination schedule. Also, please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for the examinations.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the examination informing the training manager 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 date, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the Training Program.

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Sincerely,

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Hironori Peterson, Chief  
Operations Branch  
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