

**2014 PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT**

**INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION**

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION III  
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July 30, 2014

Mr. Kevin Davison  
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Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant  
Northern States Power Company, Minnesota  
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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Davison:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. Timothy Borgen, 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, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," one day during the week of August 11, 2014. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the weeks of August 4 and August 11, 2014.

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 630-829-9707.

Please contact Mr. M. Bielby, Chief Examiner, at (630) 829-9762, 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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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hironori Peterson', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Hironori Peterson, Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306  
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June 1, 2011

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**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS:  
PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2**

Dear Mr. Schimmel:

We have received a letter from Xcel Energy dated July 26, 2010 (L-XE-10-008). In that letter, Xcel Energy requested an initial operator licensing examination be scheduled for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant for August of 2014.

In response, we have scheduled an initial operator licensing examination for the weeks of August 4 and 11, 2014, with an onsite validation date the week of July 14, 2014, for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. 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 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 ten 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.

We note that you were previously scheduled for an initial operator licensing examination for the weeks of May 14 and 21, 2012. This examination will be written by the NRC in accordance with NUREG 1021, Revision 9, Supplement 1. However, to prevent a schedule conflict, the onsite validation week has been changed from April 23, 2012, to April 16, 2012.

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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***/RA by D. McNeil for/***

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Units 1 and 2  
Dockets 50-282, 50-306  
License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60

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

Operator Examination Data

As requested by NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2010-08, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations", dated June 28, 2010, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, hereby submits the planned operator licensing examination data for calendar years 2012 through 2015 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. Enclosed are the corresponding NRC Form 536s for each site which provide the estimated number of applicants to be tested and the proposed primary and alternate dates for the examinations.

Regulatory Commitments

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



Gabor Salamon

Director, Nuclear Licensing and Emergency Preparedness  
Northern States Power Company - Minnesota

Enclosure

cc: Administrator, Region III, USNRC  
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**ENCLOSURE**

**Planned Initial License Operator Examination Data for Monticello Nuclear Generating  
Plant and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2**

**OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to [infocollects@nrc.gov](mailto:infocollects@nrc.gov), and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NE08-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2012</u>	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1	1	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2012</u>	CY <u>2013</u>	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		8	6	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		5	7	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		1	1	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		01/13/2013	11/09/2014	
ALTERNATE DATE		01/06/2013	11/02/2014	

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2012</u>				CY <u>2013</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES					13			

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

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	7		6	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	4		4	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2		2	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	05/14/2012		08/05/2014	
ALTERNATE DATE	05/07/2012		08/12/2014	

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2012				CY 2013			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES				10				