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May 21, 2015

Mr. Peter A. Gardner
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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Gardner:

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 separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. Thomas Shortell, 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," during the week of June 8, 2015. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the weeks of June 1 and 8, 2015. 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 the licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing the operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at 630-829-9707.

Please contact Mr. Dell R. McNeil, at 630-829-9737, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (reactor operator (RO) or senior reactor operator (SRO)) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

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Sincerely,

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