

2015 MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

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May 21, 2015

Mr. Peter A. Gardner
Site Vice President
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Northern States Power Company, Minnesota
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Monticello, MN 55362-9637

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.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding," of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document

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January 27, 2014

Ms. Karen Fili
Site Vice President
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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.

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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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Dockets 50-282, 50-306
Renewed 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 2012-07, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations", dated June 8, 2012, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, hereby submits the operator licensing examination data for calendar years 2014 through 2017 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.

Paula K. Anderson
Director, Nuclear Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Northern States Power Company - Minnesota

Enclosure

cc: Administrator, Region III, USNRC
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Operator Licensing Examination Data for Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and
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**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 Information Services Branch (T-6 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-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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Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Unit 1 and 2

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2014	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1		1	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2014	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	7		6	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	7		9	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2		3	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	8/4/14		5/9/16	
ALTERNATE DATE	8/11/14		5/16/16	

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2014				CY 2015			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			15					

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

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	6	5	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	5	5	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	1	2	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		2/16/2015	11/07/2016	
ALTERNATE DATE		2/09/2015	10/31/2016	

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>				CY <u>2015</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES					10			



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Martin C. Murphy
Director, Nuclear Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Northern States Power Company - Minnesota

Enclosure

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PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY <u>2018</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY <u>2018</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	8	6	0	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	7	5	0	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	1	0	1
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	06/01/2015	10/17/2016		10/22/2018
ALTERNATE DATE	06/08/2015	10/24/2016		10/29/2018

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2015</u>				CY <u>2016</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES				11				

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY <u>2018</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		2	4	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		9	7	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		1	1	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		06/13/2016	12/11/2017	
ALTERNATE DATE		06/20/2016	12/18/2017	

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>				CY <u>2016</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			12		12			