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December 20, 2016

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SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS –
PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

We have received your letter L-16-252, dated August 19, 2016, in response to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Issue Summary 2016-09, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." In the letter, you requested initial license exams be scheduled in February 2019 and February 2021. In response, we have scheduled initial operator licensing exams the weeks of:

- February 11 and 18, 2019, with an onsite validation date of January 7, 2019; and
- February 22 and March 1, 2021, with an onsite validation date of January 25, 2021.

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 examinations 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 2 weeks. Please inform us if the number of candidates change 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 150 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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Robert J. Orlikowski, Chief
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