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February 1, 2017

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SUBJECT: BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT – NOTIFICATION OF LICENSED  
OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATION 05000325/2017301 AND 05000324/2017301

Dear Mr. Gideon:

During a telephone conversation on January 18, 2017, between Mr. Robert Bolin, Senior Nuclear Station Instructor – Operations, Mr. Daniel Hulin, Lead Exam Author, and Mr. Phillip Capehart, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant. The on-site preparatory week is scheduled for the week of June 26, 2017. The operating test is scheduled to be administered during the weeks of July 24, 2017 and July 31, 2017. The written examination is scheduled to be administered the week of August 7, 2017.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will prepare both the written examination and the operating test based on the guidelines in Revision 10 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 by March 26, 2017. Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the written examination prior to the week of May 22, 2017 and will be given the opportunity to discuss any changes that might be necessary to the operating test during the preparatory week. Your staff has also agreed to make copies of all examination materials that are necessary for administering the examination.

We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any) (OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Bolin and Mr. Hulin have been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. Capehart at (404) 997-4483, (Internet E-mail: [Phillip.Capehart@nrc.gov](mailto:Phillip.Capehart@nrc.gov)), or me at (404) 997-4551, (Internet E-mail: [Gerald.McCoy@nrc.gov](mailto:Gerald.McCoy@nrc.gov)).

Sincerely,

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