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August 7, 2017

Mr. Charles Arnone
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**SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT – OPERATOR LICENSING REEXAMINATION
APPROVAL**

Dear Mr. Arnone:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing reexamination at the Palisades Nuclear Plant.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license reapplication in connection with this reexamination and separately provided a list of the approved applicant to Mr. Walter Nelson, Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examination. The NRC staff will administer the operating test in accordance with Revision 10, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," during the week of August 7, 2017. 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 630-829-9834.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Michael Bielby, at 630-829-9762, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (senior reactor operator) or type of examination (partial operating test) specified for the applicant.

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Sincerely,

/RA Randal Baker Acting for/

Robert J. Orlikowski, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

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Walter Nelson, Training Manager

Letter to Charles Arnone from Robert Orlikowski dated August 7, 2017

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