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**SUBJECT: WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3 - NOTIFICATION OF NRC  
INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION 05000382/2018301**

Dear Mr. Dinelli:

In a telephone conversation on February 26, 2018, between Messrs. D. Constance, Superintendent, Training-Nuclear Operations, and B. Larson, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, during the week of November 5, 2018.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 11. The NRC's regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

The written examination outlines were provided to your staff on March 7, 2018. To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the operating test outlines, revised written examination outlines, and reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 by June 4, 2018. The written examinations and operating tests, with technical references, will be due by August 17, 2018. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations, an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations, and tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use.

We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. Delays in receiving the required materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be cancelled or rescheduled. In addition, your support for on-site validation of the examinations is required during the week of October 1, 2018.

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 shall retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, levels, and flows) generated during the operating test scenarios along with any video and audio recordings of the scenarios until the NRC takes its licensing action on all of the applications and any adjudicatory actions on any hearing demands are complete. Appendix E to 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 waiver or excusal requests (if any) (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090) at least 60 days before the first examination date (if able). Mr. B. Larson should be contacted to determine the method for submission of the waiver and/or excusal requests. Preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (OMB approval number 3150-0090) and medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024) should be submitted at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the preliminary applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Final signed applications, certifying that all training has been completed and requesting any waivers or excusals, as applicable, should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

Although the minimum guidelines for receiving waiver or excusal requests is 30 days before the first examination date (preliminary) and 14 days before the first examination date (final), the requests should be submitted as early in the process as possible (see the 60-day guideline, above). Resolutions resulting from verbal inquiries by the licensee to the NRC are not binding. Submittals addressing waivers and/or excusals should be in writing (i.e., on NRC Form 398, or as directed when Mr. Larson is contacted to determine the method for submission). The NRC's final decision on whether to grant a waiver or excusal will be documented on the final (not preliminary) NRC Form 398 submitted for the applicant and will not be provided until the final application is submitted to the NRC.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. D. Constance has 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. Larson at 817-200-1171 or myself at 817-200-1159.

Sincerely,

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