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**SUBJECT: R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - REACTOR OPERATOR RETAKE
LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

Dear Mr. Hanson:

In a telephone conversations on November 26, 2018, between Mr. David Eckert, Initial License Training Lead Examination Developer, and Mr. David Silk, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of operator licensing re-examinations at the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant during the week of February 18, 2019. In addition, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of January 28, 2019.

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

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the operating test outlines by the week of December 10, 2018. The operating tests, and the supporting reference materials discussed with Mr. Eckert will be due by the week of January 21, 2019. Pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the 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.

To conduct the requested operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above.

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

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator waiver or excusal requests (if any) (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 3150-0090) approximately 60 days before the first examination date (if possible). Contact Mr. David Silk at 610-337-5372 to determine the method for submission of the waiver or excusal requests. Preliminary reactor operator license applications (OMB control number 3150-0090) and medical certifications (OMB control 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 guidelines for receiving waiver or excusal requests call for at least 30 days before the first examination date (preliminary) and 14 days before the first examination date (final), the requests should be submitted as early as possible in the process (see the 60-day guideline above). Resolutions resulting from verbal inquiries by the licensee to the NRC are not binding. Submittals addressing waivers or excusals, or both, should be in writing (i.e., using NRC Form 398, "Personal Qualifications Statement - Licensee," or as directed by Mr. Silk when contacting him to determine the method for submission). The NRC will document its final decision on whether to grant a waiver or excusal on the final (not preliminary) NRC Form 398 submitted for the applicant. The NRC will not provide its decision until the final application is submitted to the agency.

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After you have been notified by the NRC Chief Examiner or Branch Chief that operator licenses have been issued, please direct any inquiries concerning a formal presentation of certificates to this office. Our goal is to have the operator certificates available for your celebration. At least one month advance notice of your celebration arrangements would be appreciated to plan our senior manager attendance and process the certificates.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Eckert 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 David Silk at (610)-337-5372 or me at (610) 337-5306.

Sincerely,

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