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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director

Dear Mr. Denton:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station  
Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-416 and 50-417  
File 16684/L-860.0/0092  
NRC Operator Licensing  
Examination  
AECM-81/224

In discussions with members of the Operator Licensing Branch, it appears that their plans for the licensing of operators at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station may not be consistent with our present fuel load estimate and the commitment to our schedule which you made during our April 15, 1981, meeting and in your letter to us dated March 13, 1981. We would like to take this opportunity to restate our commitment to a fuel load date of December 31, 1981, and request that the appropriate Branches within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission take action in support of that date. Therefore, please provide us with a schedule as soon as possible for Reactor Operator and Senior Reactor Operator written, oral and simulator examinations.

Prior to conducting the operator simulator examinations, it is essential that we be provided with guidance on the method used to conduct this portion of the licensing examinations. The Perry simulator at the BWR-6 Training Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma is the appropriate simulator in which Grand Gulf operators should be examined. Because of differences in the plants and the lack of information on this new requirement, the scope of the simulator examination must be clearly defined far enough in advance to allow proper preparation of our license candidates. If necessary, we would be able to meet with the appropriate members of your staff to discuss the scope of the examinations and resolve any problems.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter and request a timely response to this letter in order for us to maintain our present training schedule.

Yours truly,

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