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Based on the results of the examination, the applicants were generally well prepared for the examination. Six of seven applicants passed the examination and were subsequently issued licenses. One SRO applicant did not pass the walkthrough portion of the operating examination.

The initial licensing examination was prepared by your staff, with NRC oversight, in accordance with the pilot operator licensing initial examination process. The administered examination was of high quality and was consistent with the NRC Examiner Standards. However, significant changes were required to your staff's proposed sample plan, written examination and operating examination to ensure that the administered examination was consistent with the NRC Examiner Standards.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed
By:
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Docket Nos. 50-352, 50-353

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