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Dear Dr. ^{Susan}Henrichs:

This is in reply to your correspondence received on July 23, 2007, requesting Commission approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) to offer a 38 credit hour Certificate in Power Generation effective fall 2007 through a variety of delivery formats in and around the greater Fairbanks region of Alaska. The Commission has reviewed your prospectus and has made the following determination.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission notes that the introduction of a Certificate in Power Generation is consistent with the University's mission and goals, with its most recent strategic plan and with the State's well publicized need to increase the number of skilled workers in power generation technology. The Commission notes that the certificate builds upon courses which already exist in the University's inventory. In reviewing the prospectus, the Commission notes that funding to support this certificate program is being provided by the University's Process Technology Program which will also provide an industry approved curriculum, appropriate informational resources, adequate student and administrative services and instructional facilities necessary for program delivery. Accordingly, the Commission has approved the introduction of the proposed certificate program as *no change* under Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*. Accordingly, the Certificate in Power Generation program is now included in the accreditation of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and will be reviewed during the institution's comprehensive evaluation scheduled for fall 2011.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of developments and initiatives at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman
President

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cc: Ms. Hild Peters, Academic and Faculty Services manager

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