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STANDARDIZATION OF POWER ENGINEER EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Deadlines for Writing Old First Class Power Engineering Examinations

With the Revised First Class Power Engineering Examination Syllabus being implemented on September 1, 2006, there is a deadline in writing the first paper of the Old First Class examination and a deadline to obtain a certificate with the Old First Class examinations.

Deadline for Writing the First Paper

To assist with the implementation of the Revised First Class syllabus, a 6 month transition period will start on September 1, 2006, and end on February 28, 2007. During this transition period, all applicants will have the option of starting examinations under either the old syllabus or the revised syllabus. By **March 1, 2007**, all applicants who have not successfully completed at least one examination paper under the old syllabus will only be able to write their examinations under the revised syllabus.

Deadline for Finishing the Certification

Starting September 1, 2006, both the Old and Revised First Class examination will be concurrently available for 5 years. This will give examination candidates, who have qualified to continue under the Old First Class syllabus, ample time to finish their examinations and earn their certificate. By the **end of August 2011**, the Old First Class syllabus will be removed. The change between the Revised and Old syllabus is so substantial that the examination papers already successfully completed in the Old First Class syllabus cannot be integrated into the Revised First Class syllabus. Examination candidates who fail to earn their certificate may check with their examination jurisdiction.

Changing from the Old First Class to the Revised First Class Examination

At any time, an applicant can switch from the Old First Class to the Revised First Class Examination. However, the applicant will lose the examination papers that he/she has successfully passed and would be required to pass all the examination in the Revised First Class syllabus. Since the Revised First Class syllabus has a broader and more practical knowledge base such as safety, loss and environmental program management, inspection, maintenance and repair practices and business and workforce management which equip the first class power engineer with the necessary knowledge to make better decisions in dealing with their work responsibilities, a number of examination candidates have decided to switch.

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