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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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- Reference:
1. Docket No. 50-285
 2. Letter from NRC (E. J. Butcher) to OPPD (R. L. Andrews) dated July 3, 1985 (NRC-85-0200)
 3. Letter from NRC (D. A. Powers) to OPPD (S. K. Gambhir) dated May 9, 2000 (NRC-00-0054)
 4. Letter from OPPD (R. T. Ridenoure) to NRC (DCD) dated November 8, 2002 (LIC-02-0118)

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Exemption Request from the Requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, Section III.G.2 for Fire Area 32 at the Fort Calhoun Station

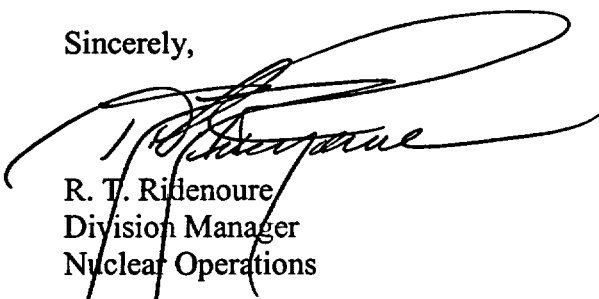
In Reference 4, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, Section III.G.2 for Fire Area 32 at the Fort Calhoun Station (FCS). This letter is submitted to withdraw the Reference 4 request.

In Reference 3, OPPD received a non-cited violation (green finding) associated with a triennial fire protection inspection. OPPD immediately began working on corrective actions in an effort to resolve this issue. OPPD has provided information to the reviewers primarily responsible for the Reference 4 exemption request. OPPD has also requested that the NRC visit the FCS facility to better understand the issues fundamental to the Reference 4 exemption request. However, as discussed on September 30, 2003, in a telephone conversation between Mr. A. B. Wang (NRC) and Mr. G. R. Cavanaugh (OPPD), the NRR reviewers primarily responsible for review of the Reference 4 exemption request have declined to visit the facility. Therefore, OPPD considers that further attempts to resolve the remaining issues on the Reference 4 exemption request would not be successful.

OPPD is currently evaluating other options to resolve the non-cited violation (green finding) discussed in Reference 3. No commitments are made to the NRC in this letter.

If you have further question on this issue, please contact Mr. Gary R. Cavanaugh of my staff at 402-533-6913.

Sincerely,



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