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July 18, 1979

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
ATTN: Mr. Robert W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Reference: Docket No. 50-285

Gentlemen:

With a letter dated July 11, 1979, the Omaha Public Power District provided a design description of switch gear room separation modifications to be installed at the Fort Calhoun Station. These modifications are intended to provide a three-hour fire-rated barrier to separate the two divisions of switchgear in the room.

This letter is to advise the Commission that the District no longer intends to electrically supervise and alarm the roll-up doors associated with the fire barrier, but rather will maintain the doors locked closed when not in use. This method of fire door supervision is deemed acceptable in Section D.1.j of Appendix A to BTP 9.5-1 and by Sections 3.1.9 and 4.9.1 of the Fort Calhoun fire protection Safety Evaluation Report.

Since the roll-up doors will rarely be opened, the proposed method of supervision does not decrease the level of safety. Safety is, in fact, enhanced by eliminating unnecessary wiring, thus reducing fire loading in the area.

Sincerely,

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