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Mr. Robert A. Clark, Chief
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Division of Licensing
Operating Reactors Branch No. 3
Washington, D.C. 20555

Reference: Docket No. 50-285

Dear Mr. Clark:

In a recent telephone conference between Messrs. C. Trammell and K. Herring of the Commission and Messrs. T. Patterson and M. Eidem of Omaha Public Power District, several concerns were voiced concerning the seismic qualification of the Fort Calhoun Station auxiliary feedwater (AFW) system. These concerns were regarding the District's response to the Commission's letter dated February 10, 1981. The voiced concern was that the District's response did not expressly reference the design criteria for the Fort Calhoun Station AFW system, as defined in the Commission's letter. The AFW system's original design criteria was seismic category I, as defined in the Fort Calhoun Station Final Safety Analysis Report for all safety systems. As the result of the AFW system evaluation, several deficiencies were identified and detailed in our letter dated July 14, 1981. Once the identified deficiencies are corrected, the AFW system, as bounded by the Commission's letter, will be seismic category I, as defined in the FSAR.

During the conference call, Mr. Herring also expressed a concern regarding the seismic qualification of the instrument air system. Enclosure 2 of the District's July 14, 1981 letter indicated that the instrument air system was not seismically qualified and this information was provided only because instrument air was called out in the Commission's letter. However, failure of instrument air will not preclude AFW operation. Therefore, it need not be seismically qualified.

Sincerely,

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