



Omaha Public Power District

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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:

Minimum Shift Crew
NUREG-0737, Item I.A.1.3.2

Omaha Public Power District's letter dated June 4, 1982 provided the District's schedules for completing those NUREG-0737 tasks identified in Generic Letter 82-10, dated May 5, 1982. Specifically, for Item I.A.1.3.2, the District stated that we would meet the minimum staffing requirements for operations personnel by July 1, 1982. As detailed below, the District now expects to fully meet the minimum staffing requirements by October 15, 1982.

To meet the NUREG-0737, Item I.A.1.3.2, shift manning requirements for operating modes, each shift must be comprised of two Senior Reactor Operators (SRO's), two Reactor Operators (RO's), and two Auxiliary Operators (AO's). The Fort Calhoun Station Technical Specifications presently require each shift to include one SRO, two RO's, and two AO's. In early 1981, the District initiated an extensive operator training program to upgrade the operations staffing to add one SRO to each of the six operating shifts.

As of June 4, 1982, the District had upgraded licensed operators such that five of the six shifts consisted of two SRO's, two RO's, and two AO's. The remaining shift consisted of one SRO, three RO's, and two AO's. One of the three RO's in the sixth shift had completed the SRO training program and took the SRO examination in March, 1982. Having failed the March examination, the District had a request pending to waive the required six month waiting period to allow this RO to retake the examination and thus allow the District to meet the July 1, 1982 commitment. The District was recently informed that the request for waiver has been denied, leaving a total of eleven qualified SRO's to man the six operating shifts. The District believes it is highly desirable to retain six operating shifts to maintain existing levels of

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operator training, minimize overtime, permit vacations, and allow for contingency planning in developing operating schedules. Anticipating retirement of one SRO, the District presently has the one operator scheduled to retake the SRO examination and one operator scheduled to take his first SRO examination in September, 1982. Successful completion of the SRO examinations by the two operators will enable the District to place two SRO's on each shift.

Allowing five weeks for grading of these examinations, the District expects to fully meet the shift manning requirements of Item I.A.1.3.2 by October 15, 1982.

Sincerely,



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