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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Diagnostic Self Assessment At Cooper Nuclear Station
Cooper Nuclear Station, NRC Docket 50-298, DPR-46

Reference: Meeting Between Nebraska Public Power
District and the NRC Held June 23, 1994.

On June 23, 1994, the Nebraska Public Power District (District) attended a meeting at NRC Headquarters. During that meeting, the NRC indicated its intention to perform a two phase Diagnostic Evaluation to provide additional information to enable NRC senior management to make more informed assessments concerning Cooper Nuclear Station safety performance. It is the District's understanding that Phase One will be an in depth document review and that the results of Phase One would be used to determine the extent of the Phase Two onsite effort.

Following our meeting, the District initiated plans to conduct a Diagnostic Self Assessment (DSA) of the Cooper Nuclear Station. Our objective in performing this self assessment is to gain additional insight into plant performance, identify any additional areas requiring improvement, and identify appropriate corrective actions to effectively secure these improvements. The Diagnostic Self Assessment will be a formal independent assessment similar in scope and depth to an NRC Diagnostic Evaluation and will review significant aspects of plant operation, maintenance and testing, engineering and technical support, and management effectiveness. The DSA is being conducted during July and August 1994 by a team composed of industry experts independent of CNS. The plan for conducting the DSA is enclosed for your review. The results of the assessment will be formally documented and available for NRC review.

Since the independent DSA is similar in scope and depth to Phase Two of an NRC Diagnostic Evaluation, the District requests that the NRC consider using the results of the DSA as their Phase Two effort in assessing Cooper Nuclear Station performance. Accordingly, the District welcomes NRC observation of our

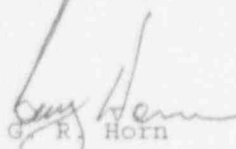
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assessment activities. A formal report of findings will be available for use as part of your overall assessment and conclusions. The DSA Team Leader will also be made available for a public meeting to discuss the results of their assessment.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,



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