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CALLAWAY PLANT

INITIAL RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 96-06

Reference: 1) NRC Generic Letter 96-06, dated
September 30, 1996

The reference involves NRC concerns with equipment operability and containment integrity during design-basis accident conditions and requested licensees to provide two responses: one within 30 days, and another within 120 days. The 30-day response is to indicate whether the requested actions will be undertaken and whether the requested information will be available to the NRC within the 120-day response period.

UE is currently evaluating applicability of the GL issues to Callaway Plant and intends to address such issues as requested within the 120-day response period. We have initiated a joint effort with Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation to complete this work for both SNUPPS plants. Having attended the GL 96-06 workshop in Dallas, Texas on October 29, however, we have reservations as to whether the expected results can be achieved within the 120-day period.

In the event that we are not able to complete our work prior to January 28, 1997, UE will submit as much of the requested information as available at the time along with a schedule for

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completion. In this event, we will also identify any alternative actions intended to verify the operability of affected systems and components.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



Donald F. Schnell

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Donald F. Schnell, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath says that he is Senior Vice President-Nuclear and an officer of Union Electric Company; that he has read the foregoing document and knows the content thereof; that he has executed the same for and on behalf of said company with full power and authority to do so; and that the facts therein stated are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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Donald F. Schnell

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SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this thirtieth day
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