



Nebraska Public Power District
Nebraska's Energy Leader

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Gentlemen:

Subject: Revision of Commitment Made to Resolve NRC Generic Letter 97-04 Issues
Cooper Nuclear Station, NRC Docket 50-298, DPR-46

- References:**
1. Letter NLS980201 to USNRC from J. H. Swailes (NPPD) dated December 23, 1998, "Response to NRC Generic Letter 97-04, Request for Additional Information"
 2. Letter NLS990052 to USNRC from J. H. Swailes (NPPD) dated June 15, 1999, "Proposed License Amendment, Containment Overpressure Contribution to ECCS Pump NPSH Requirement Post LOCA"
 3. Letter NLS2000060 to USNRC from J. H. Swailes (NPPD) dated June 14, 2000, "Withdrawal of Proposed License Amendment, Containment Overpressure Contribution to ECCS Pump NPSH Requirement Post LOCA"

Nebraska Public Power District (District) committed in Reference 1 to submit a License Amendment request to resolve issues associated with the containment overpressure contribution to Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) pump net positive suction head (NPSH) requirement post Loss of Cooling Accident. The proposed License Amendment was submitted in Reference 2.

The District subsequently withdrew the proposed License Amendment request upon discovery of non-conservative errors in the supporting documents as discussed in Reference 3 and committed to resubmit a proposed license amendment request to address this issue by December 15, 2000.

Subsequent to that commitment, the District determined that it would be appropriate to include a higher ultimate heat sink (UHS) temperature in the analysis to support a future amendment relative to UHS temperature. Accordingly, the District has re-assessed the schedule for

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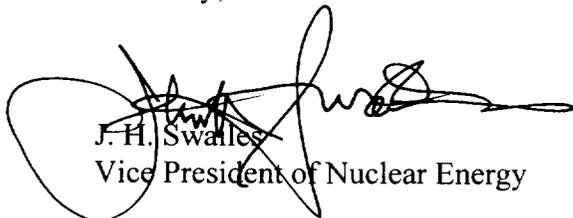
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completing an NPSH analysis which also incorporates the higher UHS temperature. The schedule now indicates that the anticipated license amendment will be submitted by May 30, 2001.

An Operability Evaluation (OE) was performed in accordance with Generic Letter 91-18, Revision 1, to demonstrate that the ECCS pumps are operable, but nonconforming, and are therefore capable of fulfilling their safety function if required. Also, additional acceptance criteria have been incorporated into the Residual Heat Removal heat exchanger performance testing surveillance procedure to further ensure that the assumptions in the OE remain valid.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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