

November 27, 2000

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SUBJECT: CALLAWAY PLANT, UNIT 1 - RECORDING EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION
SYSTEM TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

Dear Mr. Randolph:

In your letter of April 10, 2000 (ULNRC-4213), you stated that Union Electric Company would like to initiate the recording of telephone conversations on the Emergency Notification System (ENS). This is the telephone system used by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and licensees to exchange information during events at nuclear power plants. You stated that the recordings would be done to maintain an accurate record of information provided to NRC when the ENS is being used to enhance your company's ability to implement NRC regulations. You also stated that NRC personnel would be notified when conversations on the ENS were being recorded. In the letter, you stated that your company wished to begin this practice as soon as possible and requested a response from the NRC.

The NRC consents to your recording of the ENS and the health physics network (HPN) lines during declared emergencies with the caveat that our consent does not authorize the recording of communications between federal officials or employees over the ENS, HPN, or other telephone line when a Union Electric Company official or employee is not a party to the conversation. If this poses a problem, we offer you the following alternative. The NRC is willing to furnish you copies from the NRC recording system following the termination of an emergency event; however, we reserve the right to determine on a case-by-case basis whether to withhold from disclosure sensitive or confidential information that is on the recording.

If you choose to do your own recording, we suggest that you send a copy of this letter to your telephone company as evidence of our consent to the recording as discussed above. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at (301) 415-1307 or through the internet at jnd@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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