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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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Reference: Docket No. 50-285

SUBJECT: Implementation of Revised 10 CFR 50.59

The effective date for the revised 10 CFR 50.59 rule was established in a December 13, 2000, *Federal Register* notice (65 FR 77773) as March 13, 2001. As discussed in Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-03, dated January 23, 2001, the NRC has stated that to permit an orderly transition to the revised rule, licensees may implement the rule later than this date. Although an exemption is not necessary, the RIS suggested that a licensee may want to communicate its implementation plan to the NRC. Fort Calhoun Station will begin a refueling outage on March 17, 2001, and does not want to transition during a refueling outage since this activity already places significant demands on the plant staff and would not be in the best interest of safety. Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) intends to implement the revised requirements of 10 CFR 50.59 on June 1, 2001. Until that time, we will continue to implement our existing 10 CFR 50.59 review processes.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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