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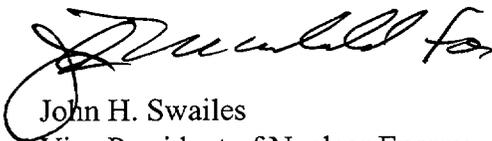
Gentlemen:

Subject: Safeguards Plan, Temporary Revision
Cooper Nuclear Station
NRC Docket 50-298, DPR-46

Reference: Nebraska Public Power District letter (NLS2001012) dated January 24, 2001,
from J. H. Swailes to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Safeguards Plan,
Revision 38."

Per the referenced letter, Nebraska Public Power District submitted Revision 38 to the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) Safeguards Plan in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.54(p). In addition, a description of a temporary change to the Plan, not to exceed 90 days, was included. This correspondence is to update the Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding the time frame for the temporary change and final closure to return CNS to full compliance with the CNS Safeguards Plan. Attachment A contains a summary and status of the temporary change.

Sincerely,



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Vice President of Nuclear Energy

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Attachment

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**COOPER NUCLEAR STATION
SECURITY SAFEGUARDS PLAN, TEMPORARY CHANGE**

Per NLS2001012, the Nebraska Public Power District (District) notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of a temporary change made to the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) Security Safeguards Plan. Specifically, a temporary power source other than that as described in the CNS Security Safeguards Plan (Page I-3-8, Section 3.1-6), would be installed for a time period not to exceed 90 days. This temporary configuration was required in order to install a new uninterruptible power supply for supplying power to the Secondary Alarm Station Distribution Panel.

The temporary change consisted of an uninterruptible backup power source located in a vital area, with a portion of the backup supporting power supply cabling and breaker located outside of the vital area. Backup battery power was provided by a 30 minute local battery bank versus a 3 ½ hour station battery bank. However, during acceptance testing for the final configuration of the new uninterruptible power supply, an unexpected transfer was experienced which switched the no break power panel to its backup source. Therefore, an additional 30 days were required to investigate the cause of the unexpected transfer and to complete acceptance testing of the modification.

The District has since completed acceptance testing for the new modification that restores the configuration of the power sources for the security system back in a vital area which is in compliance with the Security Safeguards Plan.

This temporary modification did not constitute a decrease in the effectiveness of the Plan, as plans were in place per security procedures to implement contingencies within 10 minutes of loss of power.

In summary, a temporary modification, which utilized a temporary power source other than that as described in the CNS Security Safeguards Plan was installed for a total of 120 days. This condition had been evaluated by CNS and concluded not to decrease Plan effectiveness. The extension of this evaluation for an additional 30 days beyond the initially evaluated 90 day period did not alter the previous conclusion. This temporary condition has been removed and the CNS Safeguards Plan configuration is in effect as stated.

