



**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 Date Concerning Submittal to Resolve NRC Generic Letter 97-04 Issues, Cooper Nuclear Station, NRC Docket 50-298, DPR-46

**Reference:** 1. Letter (NLS200099) from J. H. Swailes (NPPD) to NRC, dated November 14, 2000, re: Submittal to Resolve NRC Generic Letter 97-04 Issues.

This letter revises the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) commitment (in Reference 1) to submit a license amendment request related to Generic Letter 97-04 by May 30, 2001. The license amendment request will address issues associated with the containment overpressure contribution to emergency core cooling system (ECCS) pump net positive suction head requirement during and following a loss of cooling accident (LOCA). The amendment request preparation has been initiated and is currently in the review process for submittal. However, unforeseen circumstances and delays in preparing and reviewing the necessary design material require a revision to our commitment. NPPD now anticipates that the license amendment request associated with Generic Letter 97-04 will be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by July 30, 2001.

An Operability Evaluation (OE) had previously been performed (May 2000) consistent with Generic Letter 91-18, Revision 1, which demonstrates that the ECCS pumps are operable, albeit nonconforming, and are therefore capable of fulfilling their safety function if required. The compensatory actions implemented by this OE continue to apply during the commitment extension period. These compensatory actions revised the acceptance criteria for the residual heat removal heat exchanger performance testing surveillance procedure to ensure that the assumptions in the OE remain valid.

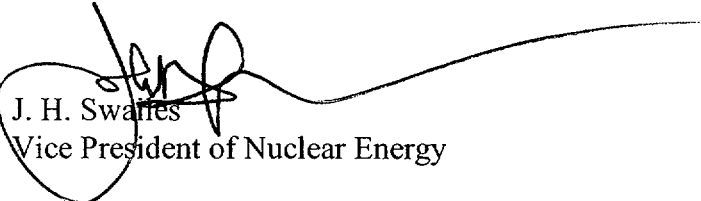
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