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Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

- References:
1. Docket No. 50-285
 2. Letter from the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) (S. K. Gambhir) to NRC (Document Control Desk) (LIC-01-0023, "Relief Request to Allow Use of ASME Code Case N-546")

SUBJECT: Additional Information Supporting the Fort Calhoun Station's Relief Request to Allow Use of ASME Code Case N-546

In Reference 2, the Omaha Public Power District submitted a relief request to allow the use of ASME Code Case N-546 instead of the qualification and certification requirements for VT-2 visual examination personnel found in ASME Code Section XI, Subsection IWA-2300, 1989 Edition. Subsequent to that submittal, on May 1, 2001, a phone conversation was held between the NRC-NRR and OPPD that discussed the need to add additional "Alternative Qualification Requirements" before the NRC Project Manager could process the request.

In response to that phone conversation, OPPD is amending Section V (Alternative Qualification Requirements) of Reference 2 to add the following two requirements:

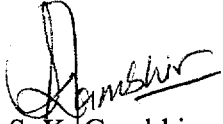
- (d) Qualify VT-2 examination personnel by examination to demonstrated knowledge of ASME Section XI and plant specific procedures for VT-2 visual examinations.
- (e) Re-qualify examination personnel in accordance with the frequency in IWA-2314 of the ASME Section XI, up to and including the 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda.

These requirements will assure examination personnel are knowledgeable of ASME Section XI and inspection procedures.

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If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. K. Gambhir', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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