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- References:
- 1) Docket No. 50-285
 - 2) Letter from OPPD (W. G. Gates) to NRC (Document Control Desk), dated December 14, 2001, Fort Calhoun Station Unit No. 1 License Amendment Request, "Revise Surveillance Requirements for Emergency Power System Periodic Tests" (LIC-01-0105)

SUBJECT: Partial Withdrawal of Amendment Request: "Revise Surveillance Requirements for Emergency Power System Periodic Tests"

In Reference 2, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) requested: 1) amendment to Technical Specifications 3.7(2)d and 3.7(4) to allow the testing of the 13.8 kV transmission line capability and D.C. emergency transfer switches on a refueling frequency outside of a refueling outage, and 2) correction of the docket concerning inconsistencies in the 1973 Fort Calhoun Station (FCS) Safety Evaluation Report (SER) associated with the 13.8 kV transmission line capability.

After further review and discussions with the NRC staff, OPPD has concluded that the testing of the D.C. emergency transfer switches, as presently tested in the refueling outage, will continue and that portion of our amendment request should be deleted.

This deletion is being requested to facilitate processing the other portions of the amendment request needed for the spring 2002 refueling outage which starts in May. Presently only one of the nine D.C. emergency transfer switches is readily testable with the plant at power. Preparation of tests and associated safety analysis supporting outage testing of the remaining eight switches, as requested by the NRC, is not cost effective for us to perform at this time.

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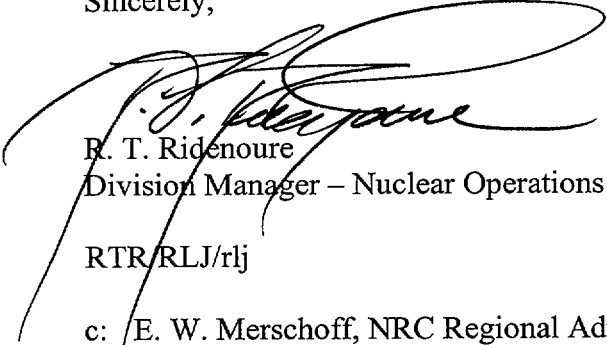
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Dr. R. L. Jaworski of my staff at 402-533-6833.

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