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MEMORANDUM TO: Biweekly Notice Coordinator

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION IN BIWEEKLY FR NOTICE -
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT
TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE, PROPOSED NO
SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION,
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING (TAC NO. MB6472)

Omaha Public Power District, Docket No. 50-285, Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1,
Washington County, Nebraska

Date of amendment request: October 8, 2002

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment will relocate the requirements of Technical Specification (TS) 3.5(5), "Surveillance for Prestressing System," for testing prestressed concrete containment tendons to the Fort Calhoun Station (FCS) Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR). This proposed amendment will also add a TS requirement (TS 5.21) for a containment tendon testing program consistent with that presented in Section 5.5 of NUREG-1432, "Improved Standard Technical Specification (ITS) for Combustion Engineering Plants."

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. The proposed change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed change relocates requirements for testing Prestressed Concrete Containment Tendons that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in the TS set forth in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2)(ii). The requirements for testing Prestressed Concrete Containment Tendons are being relocated from TS to the USAR, which will be maintained pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59, thereby reducing the level of regulatory control. The level of regulatory control has no impact on the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated. Therefore, the change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed change relocates requirements for testing Prestressed Concrete Containment Tendons that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in TS set forth in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2)(ii). The change does not involve a physical alteration of the plant (no new or different type of equipment will be installed) or make changes in the methods governing normal plant operation. The change will not impose different requirements, and adequate control of information will be maintained. This change will not alter assumptions made in the safety analysis and licensing basis. Therefore, the change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. The proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed change relocates requirements for testing Prestressed Concrete Containment Tendons that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in TS set forth in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2)(ii). The change will not reduce a margin of safety since the location of a requirement has no impact on any safety analysis assumptions. In addition, the relocated requirements for testing Prestressed Concrete Containment Tendons remain the same as the existing TS. Since any future changes to these requirements or the surveillance procedures will be evaluated per the requirements of 10 CFR 50.59, there will be no reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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