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Note To: Commissioner

From: David

Subject: Summary of American Electric Power (Owner of DC Cook Units 1 and 2) Courtesy Visit, August 16, 2000

David Kunsemiller (Technical Assistant to American Electric Power, Senior Vice President Nuclear Generation Mr. Robert Powers) dropped off 2 copies of the briefing book they were using to discuss their restart activities for Unit 2 and restart plans for Unit 1 with the Commissioners and the EDO today.

David noted that their Unit 2 startup on June 25, 2000, was few months after their initial April target due to emergent issues that materialized, as they neared their April startup target, which needed to be addressed.

The schedule for Unit 1 Startup is for January 31, 2001, but they have told the financial community that they plan to startup Unit 1 sometime in the first quarter 2001. They actually have an internal target to startup one month prior to January 31, but they are telling us this date because they want to have a cushion incase any emergent un-previously recognized issues come up.

The Unit 1 startup is dependent on 5 licensing amendment packages, two of which have already been submitted to the NRC. There is a schedule for all amendments and it looks like the NRC can support them all with one exception. Apparently, one of the amendments they plant to submit deals with the pressurizer surge line and relies on a "leak-before-break" analysis. I know from my own experience that amendments that rely on this argument typically have a difficult time being approved. Bob indicated that making matters more challenging on this amendment is that there is no precedent with respect to this analysis being used for the pressurizer surge line. The staff and the licensee had a meeting yesterday, August 15, to discuss the areas of disagreement -- and he added that American Electric Power and the NRC staff are actively engaged on this issue (they have another meeting scheduled for next month).

The package also includes a snap shot of their Unit 2 performance indicators (PIs) for the 2nd quarter of 2000. They majority of the PIs are green. I say majority because there are several that are gray because there hasn't been sufficient run time to establish the data and/or basis for the indicator.

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