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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT PLANT-SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENT  
TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING  
FORT CALHOUN STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. MB3402)

Dear Mr. Ridenoure:

Enclosed is a copy of the *Federal Register* Notice of Availability for the draft plant-specific Supplement 12 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-40 for an additional 20 years of operation at Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1. The notice advises the public that the draft report is available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). In addition, the Blair Public Library, located at 210 South 17th Street, Blair, Nebraska, has agreed to make the draft supplement available for public inspection.

The notice also provides information about the public meeting on the draft supplement to the GEIS to be held on February 26, 2003, at the Days Hotel Carlisle, 10909 M Street, Omaha, Nebraska. The staff will be conducting two meetings on February 26; the first will commence at 1:30 p.m. and the second at 7:00 p.m. Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) is invited to participate in both sessions of the meeting. The NRC staff will host informal discussions on the supplemental environmental impact statement review one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. Interested parties are invited to participate. A separate meeting notice will be issued with a detailed agenda. In the interim, should you have any questions regarding the public meetings, please contact the NRC environmental project manager, Mr. Jack Cushing, at (301) 415-1424.

Sincerely,

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Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 12 TO THE  
GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING  
FOR THE LICENSE RENEWAL OF FORT CALHOUN STATION, UNIT 1

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has published a draft plant-specific supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-40 for an additional 20 years of operation at Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1. Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1 is located in Washington County, Nebraska. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

The draft supplement to the GEIS is available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web Site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). In addition, the Blair Public Library, 210 South 17th Street, Blair, Nebraska, and the W. Dale Clark Library, 215 South 15th Street, Omaha, Nebraska have agreed to make the draft supplement to the GEIS available for public inspection.

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be certain of consideration, comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS and the proposed action must be received by April 10, 2003. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Written comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS should be sent to:

Chief, Rules and Directives Branch  
Division of Administrative Services  
Office of Administration  
Mail Stop T-6D 59  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by the Internet at [Ft\\_Calhoun\\_EIS@nrc.gov](mailto:Ft_Calhoun_EIS@nrc.gov). All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the Commission's PDR in Rockville, Maryland, and from the PARS component of NRC's ADAMS.

The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comments on the document. The public meeting will be held on February 26, 2003, at the Days Hotel Carlisle, 10909 M Street, Omaha, Nebraska. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will commence at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m. The second session will commence at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:00 p.m. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include (1) a presentation of the contents of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS, and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host

informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. No comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings or in writing, as discussed below. Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Mr. Jack Cushing by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1424, or by Internet at Ft\_Calhoun\_EIS@nrc.gov no later than February 21, 2003. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Cushing's attention no later than February 21, 2003, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Mr. Jack Cushing, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Mr. Cushing may be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2003.

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