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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: Monthly Operating Report for March 2003, Docket No. 50-298

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Cooper Nuclear Station Monthly Operating Report for March 2003. In accordance with the guidance provided by Generic Letter 97-02, this report includes an Operating Data Report and Unit Shutdown Report for the month of March. In accordance with Technical Specification 5.6.4, this report also includes documentation of challenges to the safety/relief valves.

Should you have any comments or require additional information regarding this report, please contact Paul Fleming at (402) 825-2774.

Sincerely,

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**APPENDIX A
OPERATING DATA REPORT**

DOCKET NO	050-0298
UNIT NAME	Cooper Nuclear Station
DATE	4/15/2003
COMPLETED BY	Rodrick Wilson
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Reporting Period: March 2003

	Thus Month	Yr -to-Date	Cumulative
1 Design Electrical Rating (Net MWe) The nominal net electrical output of the unit specified by the utility and used for the purpose of plant design	778 0	N/A	N/A
2 Maximum Dependable Capacity (Net MWe) The gross electrical output as measured at the output terminals of the turbine-generator during the most restrictive seasonal conditions minus the normal station service loads	764 0	N/A	N/A
3 Number of Hours the Reactor Was Critical The total number of hours during the gross hours of the reporting period that the reactor was critical	0 0	1296 0	193819.1
4 Number of Hours the Generator Was On Line (Also called Service Hours) The total number of hours during the gross hours of the reporting period that the unit operated with the breakers closed to the station bus The sum of the hours the generator was on line plus the total outage hours should equal the gross hours in the reporting period	0 0	1275 0	191145 6
5 Unit Reserve Shutdown Hours The total number of hours during the gross hours of the reporting period that the unit was removed from service for economic or similar reasons but was available for operation	0 0	0 0	0 0
6 Net Electrical Energy (MWH) The gross electrical output of the unit measured at the output terminals of the turbine-generator minus the normal station service loads during the gross hours of the reporting period, expressed in megawatt hours. Negative quantities should not be used	0 0	942127 0	129603799 0

APPENDIX B UNIT SHUTDOWNS

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REPORT MONTH March 2003

No.	Date	Type F: FORCED S: SCHEDULED	Duration (Hours)	Reason (1)	Method Of Shutting Down (2)	CAUSE/CORRECTIVE ACTIONS COMMENTS
03-02	03/01/03	S SCHEDULED	744	C	1	CNS reduced power following a failure in a feedwater heater control valve. Repair required cold conditions and a manual shutdown was initiated on 2/24/03. Plant remained shutdown for maintenance and start of Refueling Outage on 3/1/03.

SUMMARY: Cooper Nuclear Station is currently in a scheduled refueling outage Outage start date was 3/1/03

(1) Reason:

- A - Equipment Failure (Explain)
- B - Maintenance or Test
- C - Refueling
- D - Regulatory Restriction
- E - Operator Training/License Examination
- F - Administrative
- G - Operational Error (Explain)
- H - Other (Explain)

(2) Method:

- 1 - Manual
- 2 - Manual Trip/Scram
- 3 - Automatic Trip/Scram
- 4 - Continuation
- 5 - Other (Explain)

APPENDIX C
SAFETY/RELIEF VALVE CHALLENGES
MARCH 2003

There were no challenges to the safety/relief valves during the month of March.

ATTACHMENT 3 LIST OF REGULATORY COMMITMENTS

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The following table identifies those actions committed to by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) in this document. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by NPPD. They are described for information only and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the NL&S Manager at Cooper Nuclear Station of any questions regarding this document or any associated regulatory commitments.

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