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References:
1. Docket No. 50-285
2. Letter from OPPD (D. J. Bannister) to NRC (Document Control Desk) dated July 25, 2003, Fort Calhoun Station Unit No. 1 License Amendment Request, "Staggered Integrated Engineered Safety Features Testing" (LIC-03-0084) (ML032100532)
3. Letter from NRC (Alan B. Wang) to OPPD (R. T. Ridenoure) dated March 16, 2004, Fort Calhoun Station Unit No. 1 - Request for Additional Information on License Amendment Request Related to Staggered Integrated Engineered Safety Features Testing (TAC No. MC0195) (NRC-04-036) (ML040860157)
4. Letter from OPPD (R. T. Ridenoure) to NRC (Document Control Desk) dated April 16, 2004, Response to Requests for Additional Information on License Amendment Request Related to Staggered Integrated Engineered Safety Features Testing (LIC-04-0046) (ML041110433)

SUBJECT: Fort Calhoun Station Unit No. 1, Withdrawal of License Amendment Request on Staggered Integrated Engineered Safety Features Testing

In Reference 2, the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) submitted a License Amendment Request that would have modified the current refueling surveillance interval requirement to a Staggered Test Basis for Engineered Safety Features (ESF) testing. Using a Staggered Test Basis, only one ESF train would be tested each refueling outage. This License Amendment Request was modeled after the Improved Standard Technical Specifications (ISTS) and was based on a Westinghouse Electric Company topical report WCAP-15830-P, "Staggered Integrated ESF Testing," and Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) 450.

The NRC staff has raised issues during the concurrent review of topical report WCAP-15830-P that have extended the review period and may require changes to that report and to associated plant-specific licensing actions. Accordingly, OPPD hereby withdraws the Reference 2 License Amendment Request. OPPD plans to re-submit a similar License Amendment Request after NRC approval of WCAP-15830-P.

This letter includes no regulatory commitments. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Thomas R. Byrne at (402) 533-7368.

Sincerely,

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