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Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 7:56 PM
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Cc: Lent, Susan; Burkhardt, Janet
Subject: Acceptance of Fort Calhoun LAR Re: River Level and Emergency Action Levels (ME8550)

Bill,

By letter dated April 27, 2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML12121A565), Omaha Public Power District (OPPD, the licensee) submitted a license amendment request for Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1 (FCS). The proposed amendment would revise Technical Specification (TS) LCO 2.16, River Level, and TS surveillance requirement 3.2, Equipment and Sampling Tests, Table 3-5, Minimum Frequencies for Equipment Tests. In addition, the amendment would revise the FCS Radiological Emergency Response Plan declaration procedure as licensed in the safety evaluation report for conversion of the emergency action levels.

The purpose of this message is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1377.

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