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August 26, 2013

Mr. Louis P. Cortopassi
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Chief Nuclear Officer
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Fort Calhoun Station
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SUBJECT: FORT CALHOUN STATION, UNIT NO. 1 – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
NEEDED FOR ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE:
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM WORK HOUR REQUIREMENTS OF
10 CFR 26.205(d)(7) (TAC NO. MF2571)

Dear Mr. Cortopassi:

By letter dated August 16, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML13231A018), Omaha Public Power District (OPPD, the licensee) submitted a request for an exemption from requirements of paragraph 26.205(d)(7) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) for Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1. The proposed exemption would approve an exemption from specific requirements of 10 CFR 26.205(d)(7), to allow the use of the less restrictive work hour limitations described in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(4) and (d)(5) to support activities required for plant startup from the current extended outage, for a period not to exceed 45 days. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this exemption 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 10 CFR 26.9, the NRC may grant exemptions from the regulations found in 10 CFR Part 26 as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and are otherwise in the public interest.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concludes that the information delineated in the enclosure to this letter is necessary to enable the staff to make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed exemption request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment.

The NRC staff requests that OPPD supplement the application to address the information requested in the enclosure by August 30, 2013. This will enable the NRC staff to begin its detailed technical review. If the information responsive to the NRC staff's request is not received by the above date, the application will not be accepted for review pursuant to 10 CFR 2.101, and the NRC will cease its review activities associated with the application. If the

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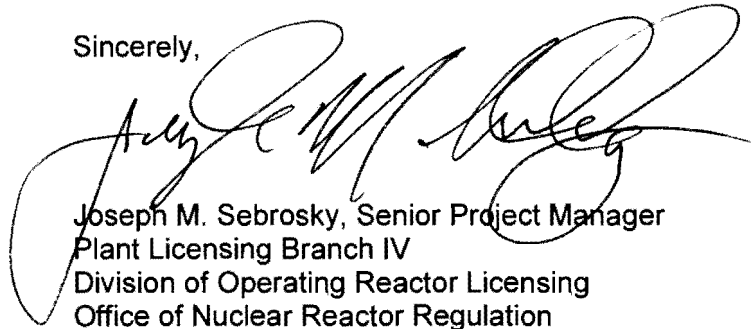
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application is subsequently accepted for review, you will be advised of any further information needed to support the staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

The information requested and associated time frame in this letter were discussed with Mr. William Hansher of your staff on August 23, and 26, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1132.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph M. Sebrosky", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Joseph M. Sebrosky, Senior Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch IV
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION NEEDED

WORK HOUR EXEMPTION REQUEST

OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

FORT CALHOUN STATION, UNIT NO. 1

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During a licensing status call on August 6, 2013, representatives of Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) informed the NRC staff that OPPD planned to submit an exemption request for Part 26, Subpart I, to allow the use of less restrictive work hour limitations for a period not to exceed 45 days. OPPD indicated that it would request NRC approval of the exemption request within 30 days of its submittal. The NRC staff reviewed its approval of a prior exemption approved on June 11, 2013, (ADAMS Accession No. ML13157A135) and emphasized the need for a high quality application that contained all the information needed to support the review. Specifically, the NRC staff stated that the information listed below was needed for consideration of the proposed exemption request. Subsequent to the August 6, 2013, status call, OPPD submitted the August 16, 2013, exemption request, but it is not evident that the information listed below is part of the August 16, 2013, submittal. Therefore, the NRC staff requests that OPPD supplement the August 16, 2013, application to address the information listed below by August 30, 2013.

1. An explanation of why 45 days would be needed for startup activities.
2. The basis of how the use of 30 days being used as a recovery period in the exemption request would ensure that individuals are not fatigued prior to the proposed exemption period.
3. As indicated in the regulations, meeting the work hour control limits does not necessary mitigate fatigue; therefore, please provide scheduling plans for each group for the period after the previous exemption to the anticipated start of this exemption request.
4. A discussion of why the outage hours in first exemption request continued to be utilized even after it was known that startup would not occur during the exemption period and what actions would be taken if during a second exemption period a similar situation occurred.

Enclosure

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