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Fort St. Vrain  
Unit No. 1  
P-79147

Mr. George Kuzmycz  
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Docket No. 50-267

SUBJECT: Power Ascension Program

Dear Mr. Kuzmycz:

As per your request, the following is our estimation of the time required to complete testing and obtain 70% of rated power. The plant has been up to 11% power. At the present time load has been reduced to 2% power to effect repair on two leaking valves. It is anticipated that repairs will be completed by July 12, 1979. Assuming testing and power ascension after the valve repair proceeds as planned, the plant will obtain 40% power by July 20, 1979, and 70% power by July 30, 1979.

At that time, unless the Commission releases the plant from 70% hold, we will maintain 70% power.

To the best of our knowledge all Nuclear Regulatory Commission imposed 70% restraints have been resolved. The fluctuation test program (RT-500E) establishes procedures and imposes restrictions for exceeding 70%. We would propose to comply with the requirements and restrictions imposed by RT-500E.

We would appreciate it if the Commission would consider removing all previous 70% hold restrictions and release us to test under RT-500E, both below and above 70% power predicated, of course, on the fluctuation test results below 70% power. This request is based on the seriousness of our system capability to meet this summer's peak demand. The forecasted peak demand for July is 2,697 MW, and August's is 2,575 MW, while our available system generating capability including Fort St. Vrain's 200 MW and firm purchases from other sources only leaves a spinning reserve of 30 and 152 MW for July and August, respectively.

Your prompt attention in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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