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Mr. Peter B. Erickson  
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Division of Operating Reactors  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Erickson:

Enclosed are two letters regarding the recent license modification request submitted by the Omaha Public Power District in regard to its Fort Calhoun plant. The first letter is addressed to you personally as a result of the January 16 public information meeting held in Omaha, and the second is a copy of an earlier League of Women Voters position forwarded to OPPD. If any other pieces of correspondence are received by us, they will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely,

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To the Omaha Public Power District Board:

The League of Women Voters of Omaha would like to express its concern in regard to the Omaha Public Power District's application to increase the power output at the Fort Calhoun nuclear plant.

After a two-year evaluation of energy sources, the League of Women Voters of the United States has developed a position on energy - including nuclear power. The part dealing with nuclear energy is as follows:

"Reliance on nuclear fission (light water reactors) should not be increased. This does not mean that the League is opposed to the construction of all new light water reactors but that nuclear fission's present proportionate share in the mix is the maximum use of this energy source that is acceptable. Special attention must be given to solving waste disposal and other health and safety problems associated with this energy source. Beyond the year 2000, the federal government should: give extremely low priority to the plutonium breeder reactor."

We have become increasingly aware that commercial use of light water reactors poses significant health and safety problems, from the dangers of serious reactor accidents to the problems of long-term storage of radioactive wastes.

The League also believes that the availability of alternatives to nuclear power - such as conservation, renewable resources, and the environmentally sound use of coal - argues persuasively against new construction of nuclear reactors, except under special circumstances.

The League recognizes that nuclear power has a place in the energy mix but assigns it the lowest priority because of long-term safety and waste disposal problems.

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We feel that this is of the utmost importance to the citizens in this area and that OPPD should strongly reconsider withdrawing its application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission until such a time that further investigations concerning the above problems can be completed.

Sincerely yours.

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President

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