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Docket No. 50-313

Arkansas Power and Light Company
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Gentlemen:

In June 1973, the Commission published Regulatory Guide 1.17, "Protection of Nuclear Power Plants Against Industrial Sabotage", and on November 6, 1973, adopted amendments to its regulations in 10 CFR Parts 50, 70 and 73 to strengthen the physical protection of plants and materials. The new rules required, in part, that licensees authorized to operate production and utilization facilities submit a physical security plan to the Commission by January 7, 1974, if such a plan, as described in the new 10 CFR 50.34(c), had not been submitted by November 6, 1973.

Although the docket record for your facility reflects submittal and review by the staff of a security plan, we consider it necessary at this time that you re-evaluate your security plan with respect to the regulations and the regulatory position set forth in Regulatory Guide 1.17. The staff considers that all nuclear power plants licensed pursuant to 10 CFR 50 should have or upgrade, if necessary, physical security plans to conform at minimum, with this regulatory position.

You are asked, therefore, to submit within 30 days of receipt of this letter, the results of your re-evaluation, which should include, if necessary, amendments to your security plan on the docket record, or a revised plan, in sufficient detail to permit the staff to determine its conformance with Regulatory Guide 1.17. The information to be submitted should also provide best estimates of the date or dates when implementation is expected. If any of these dates extend beyond June 15, 1974, the information provided should include a description of interim measures to be taken to provide compensating protection for such temporary periods. We do not consider conduct of this review and implementation of attendant revisions as controlling the licensing schedule for Unit 1, but will require that you act promptly in this matter.

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Three copies of your response should be submitted. Your letter of transmittal should request that details of your security plan be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2.

Sincerely,

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