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Director, Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2
Division of Operating Reactors
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Mr. Thomas A. Ippolito, Chief

Dear Mr. Ippolito:

Subject: Change to Appendix A Technical Specifications -
Single-Loop Operation
Cooper Nuclear Station
NRC Docket No. 50-298, DPR-46

Reference: 1) "Cooper Nuclear Station Single-Loop
Operation," NEDO-24258, dated May, 1980

The current Technical Specifications for Cooper Nuclear Station do not allow plant operation beyond a relatively short period of time if an idle recirculation loop cannot be returned to service. The capability of operating at reduced power with a single recirculation loop is highly desirable from a plant availability/outage planning standpoint in the event maintenance of a recirculation pump or other component renders one loop inoperable. For this reason Nebraska Public Power District requests that the Technical Specifications be revised as indicated in the attached pages to allow for single-loop operation.

Forty copies of the CNS Plant Specific Safety Analysis (Reference 1) to support this change are submitted.

The safety significance of this proposed change has been reviewed by the appropriate District personnel, and under 10CFR Part 170, this change has been judged to be a class III amendment. Payment in the amount of \$4,000 is enclosed. NRC acceptability for this type of operation has been identified on other plant dockets.

Since one of the recirculation pump seals has commenced alarming periodically, prompt review and approval of this change is requested.

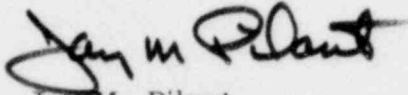
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

In addition to three signed originals, 37 copies are also submitted for your use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay M. Pilant". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a cursive "Pilant".

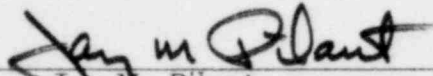
Jay M. Pilant
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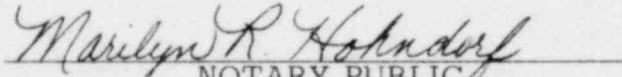
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Jay M. Pilant, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an authorized representative of the Nebraska Public Power District, a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; that he is duly authorized to submit this request on behalf on Nebraska Public Power District; and that the statements in said application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Jay M. Pilant

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 5th day of August, 1980.



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My Commission expires Oct 14, 1980.

