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Docket: 50-285/81-15



Omaha Public Power District
ATTN: Mr. W. C. Jones, Division Manager
Production Operations
1623 Harney Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. P. Jaudon of our staff during the period June 15-18, 1981, of activities authorized by NRC Facility Operating License DPR-40 for the Fort Calhoun Station and to the discussion of our findings by the inspector with Mr. K. J. Morris and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations or deviations were identified.

Three new unresolved items are discussed in paragraph 3 of the enclosed report.

Even though no citation is included in this report, our review of previous inspection history at Fort Calhoun Station, coupled with observations included in paragraph 3 of this report, indicates what appears to be a generic problem. The timeliness, amount, and quality of engineering support provided Fort Calhoun Station appear to be insufficient. The backlog of outstanding design changes, the problems with identifying appropriate test requirements, and the chronic deficiency with drawing revision indicate what appears to offer the potential for a violation of Commission requirements governing design change control. Please respond to this letter to indicate the results of your review of this area, and any actions which you will take to rectify this apparent problem. In particular, your response should delineate measures that will be taken to establish control over the design change process and to assure timely and sufficient engineering support for the Fort Calhoun Station.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

(S)

W. C. Seidle, Chief
Engineering Inspection Branch

Enclosure:
IE Inspection Report 50-285/81-15

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