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Office of the Controller
Attn: Ronald M. Scroggins
Deputy Chief Financial Officer/Controller
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Invoice No. AT-0464-93
License R-88, Docket 50-188

Dear Sirs:

This is to endorse the July 27th request made by the Director of the Kansas State University Nuclear Reactor Facility and the supporting letter of our Dean of Engineering for an individual exemption from payment of annual fees for our TRIGA Mark II Reactor, a teaching and research reactor operated by a nonprofit educational institution. The exceptional treatment requested is in the public interest and is justified for the following reasons.

Payment of the annual fee of \$62,100 would impose severe financial hardship on the University. We are a land grant university, supported by the taxpayers of Kansas. In view of other needs of the educational system of Kansas, it is very unlikely that such extraordinary fees would be supported by State legislative appropriations.

The exceptional treatment is also justified on the basis of externalized benefits to the general public and to other licensees of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Nuclear power plants in Kansas and Nebraska are staffed in large measure by engineers who are nuclear engineering graduates from Kansas State University and who have received extensive laboratory experiences using the university's reactor. The general public and, especially, secondary schools benefit from tours and demonstrations. Each year, some 3000 persons visit our Reactor Facility.

Very sincerely yours,

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