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Mr. Robert A. Clark, Chief
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Division of Licensing
Operating Reactors Branch No. 3
Washington, D.C. 20555

Reference: Docket No. 50-285

Dear Mr. Clark:

NUREG-0737, Item I.A.1.3
Shift Manning Requirements

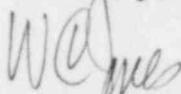
Omaha Public Power District's letter dated October 15, 1982 identified January 1, 1983 as the schedule for fully implementing the subject requirements, assuming that two Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) candidates passed SRO examinations administered in September, 1982. The District was recently informed that one of the SRO candidates failed the examination. Accordingly, the District must again revise our schedule for having two Reactor Operators (RO's) and two SRO's on each of our six operating shifts, since there are now only eleven qualified SRO's on the shift operating staff at the Fort Calhoun Station.

The District's earliest schedule for fully meeting the shift manning requirements is now dependent upon the completion of training by the District's SRO candidates and the Commission's 1983 examination schedule for the Fort Calhoun Station. The SRO candidate identified above who failed the September, 1982 examination will be eligible for a re-examination in early February, 1983. The District also has three additional SRO candidates in training and these individuals are scheduled to be ready for examination in July or August, 1983. Please note that two of these three candidates were identified in the District's October 15, 1982 letter as undergoing training to be ready to take their SRO examinations in early 1983. Based on the training that remains to be completed by these two individuals, this schedule was overly optimistic and they will not be ready for examination until the summer of 1983. The four individuals identified above represent the District's present resources for filling the one open SRO position.

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Scheduling, conducting, and grading examinations for these SRO candidates are the other factors which must be coordinated and completed before the Fort Calhoun Station can fulfill the shift manning requirements. The District's intent is to have a twelfth qualified SRO on shift as soon as practical, considering the availability of our SRO candidates detailed above and the 1983 examination schedule. The District believes that based on the above resources, we should meet the schedule identified in the staff's proposed final rule which now identifies January 1, 1984 as the implementation date for this NUREG-0737 item.

Sincerely,



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