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June 30, 1992

Docket No. 50-483

Mr. Donald F. Schnell Senior Vice Present - Nuclear Union Electric Company Post Office Box 149 - Mail Code 400 St. Louis, Missouri 63166

Dear Mr. Schnell:

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On June 15 and 16, 1992, NRC senior managers met to evaluate the nuclear safety performance of operating reactors, fuel facilities, and other materials licensees. The NRC conducts this meeting semiannually to determine if the safety performance of the various licensees exhibits sufficient weaknesses to warrant increased NRC attention. In addition, at this meeting, senior managers identify specific plants that have demonstrated a level of safety performance that deserves formal NRC recognition. At the June 1992 Senior Management Meeting, the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant was identified as having achieved a high level of safety performance and met criteria for recognition of its performance. I am pleased to note that the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant has again been identified as a good performer, and I consider this a noteworthy accomplic timent.

In identifying such plants, senior managers perform an evaluation of performance in many areas including operational safety, self-assessment, problem resolution, and plant management organization and oversight.

NRC senior management recognizes that management involvement in all phases of plant operation, the dedicated and knowledgeable staff that support plant activities, and the commitment to safety throughout the organization are necessary to achieve the level of performance demonstrated by Callaway Nuclear Power Plant. We commend you and your staff for achieving a high level of safety performance. Your achievement is the result of dedicated efforts from your staff and is a positive example to the industry.

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The greatest challenge that you now face is to maintain this level of performance and not to rest on past achievements. Continued management involvement and support, and dedicated efforts from your staff to identify and promptly correct problems, are necessary for you to continue to meet this difficult challenge.

Sincerely,

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