December 21, 1982

Docket: 5/-285

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

Gentlemen:

We have reviewed your letter, dated November 3, 1982, informing this office of your plans to conduct the 1983 Fort Calhoun Station emergency exercise during the week of December 5, 1983.

10 CFR 50, Appendix E requires exercises to be held annually by the licensee. We note that the Fort Calhoun Station emergency exercises for 1980 and 1981 were held in July. The 1982 exercise was held in September and you are planning to conduct the 1983 exercise in December.

From this, it can be seen that the 1982 and 1983 exercise dates each extend approximately 3 months beyond the previous exercise date. Pursuant to the annual exercise requirement currently in effect, you must hold the 1984 and all subsequent exercises no later than December of each calendar year. Failure to do so would be a violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E.

We believe your proposed December date is inadvisable in that it leaves you no future "grace period" such as the 3-month extension you chose to take in 1982. Therefore, we recommend that the 1983 exercise be held at an earlier date.

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We intend to review your exercise scheduling for future years and will be discussing the matter with you during subsequent visits.

Sincerely,

W. C. Seidle, Chief Reactor Project Branch 2

cc: Fort Calhoun Station ATTN: W. G. Gates, Manager P. O. Box 399 Fort Calhoun, Nebraska 68023

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bcc to DMB for dist. (X005 hold till 12/5/83)

bcc dist. by RIV Regional Administrator RRI Section Chief R. L. Bangart J. L. Montgomery C. A. Hackney B. Grimes, DEP Nebraska State Dept. of Health (hold till 12/5/83) Kansas State Dept. of Health (hold till 12/5/83)

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