

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket No. 50-438 EA 84-97

> Union Electric Company ATTM: Mr. Donald F. Schnell Vice President - Nuclear Post Office Box 149 - Mail Code 400 St. Louis, MO 63166

Gentlemen:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated November 15, 1984 in response to the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty sent to you with our letter dated October 19, 1984. The Notice of Violation sets out violations identified during a routine NRC safety inspection conducted at your facility during the period July 30 through August 3 and August 13 through 17, 1984. One of the violations identified during this inspection concerned operation of the facility in violation of a Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation. Due to the significance of the violation and to emphasize the importance of your staff conducting activities in full compliance with the facility license, a civil penalty of \$25,000 was proposed. This penalty reflected a reduction of 50% from the base civil penalty of \$50,000 for a Severity Level III violation in recognition of your prompt reporting and extensive corrective actions.

We have carefully considered your response in which you admitted that the violation did occur as set forth in the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty. We have also given careful consideration to your request for additional mitigation of the proposed civil penalty and for the reasons given in the Appendix attached to the enclosed Order, we have concluded that additional mitigation of the penalty is not warranted. Accordingly, we hereby serve on Union Electric Company the enclosed Order Imposing a Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000). We will review the effectiveness of your corrective actions during a subsequent inspection.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

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James M. Taylor, Deputy Director Office of Inspection & Enforcement

Enclosure: Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty with Appendix, Evaluation and Conclusions

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