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Omaha Public Power District ATTN: T. L. Patterson, Division Manager Nuclear Operations Fort Calhoun Station FC-2-4 Adm. P.O. Box 399, Hwy. 75 - North of Fort Calhoun Fort Calhoun, Nebraska 68023-0399

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-285/95-24 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. W. Walker, and the inspectors in the enclosed report, of this office on December 17, 1995, through January 27, 1996, at the Fort Calhoun Station facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The first violation is of concern because the adequacy of the quantity of trisodium phosphate maintained inside containment had been raised by NRC and your staff internally several times and only now appears to be resolved. The second violation is of concern because it is an additional instance of operators failing to follow a procedure, despite your corrective actions emphasizing the importance of procedure adherence.

The regulatory and safety significance of using nonqualified pressure switches and transmitters to maintain safety-related pressure boundaries is unresolved. This item is unresolved pending your completion of the analysis of the installed components and NRC's subsequent review.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future

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inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure(s), and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the Public Document Room without redaction.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely.

J. E. Dyer, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation 2. NRC Inspection Report 50-285/95-24

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