

**Nebraska Public Power District**  
*Nebraska's Energy Leader*

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September 24, 1998

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Gentlemen:

Subject: Withdrawal of Proposed Changes  
CNS Technical Specifications  
Cooper Nuclear Station, NRC Docket 50-298, DPR-46

- Reference:
- 1) Letter from G. R. Horn to USNRC, dated April 9, 1998, "Proposed Change to CNS Technical Specifications Neutron Monitoring (NM), Flow Biased Rod Block Monitor"
  - 2) Letter from J. H. Swailes to USNRC, dated April 15, 1998, "Proposed Change to CNS Technical Specifications, Neutron Monitoring (NM) Neutron Detectors"
  - 3) Letter from USNRC to G. R. Horn, dated July 31, 1998, "Conversion to Improved Technical Specifications for the Cooper Nuclear Station"

In References 1 and 2, the Nebraska Public Power District (the District) submitted requests for amendments to License DPR-46 to change the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) Technical Specifications. The proposed changes would have: 1) deleted the maximum of  $\leq 108\%$  of rated power for the Average Power Range Monitors (APRM) Rod Block Trip Setting in Technical Specification Sections 2.1.A.1.d and 3.2.C; and 2) exempted the neutron detectors from the channel calibration requirement described in Technical Specification Table 4.2.C. These changes are no longer necessary since CNS has received approval for, (Reference 3), and has implemented the Improved Technical Specifications (ITS). ITS already incorporates the exemption for the neutron detectors. The maximum of  $\leq 108\%$  of rated power requirement for the APRM Rod Block Trip Setting was relocated with ITS to the Technical Requirements Manual (TRM). CNS will perform a safety evaluation, in conformance with 10CFR50.59, to justify the deletion of this requirement from the TRM.

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The District therefore withdraws these proposed Technical Specifications changes since they are no longer required due to the implementation of ITS.

By copy of this letter the appropriate State of Nebraska official is being notified in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 (b) (1). Copies to the NRC Region IV office and the CNS Resident Inspector are also being provided in accordance with 10 CFR 50.4 (b) (2).

Should you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this submittal, please contact Bradford Houston at (402) 825-5819.

Sincerely,



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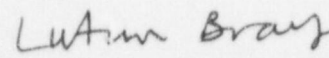
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M. F. Peckham, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an authorized representative of the Nebraska Public Power District, a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; that he is duly authorized to submit this correspondence on behalf of Nebraska Public Power District; and that the statements contained herein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

  
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M. F. Peckham

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 1998.

  
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