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Reference: Docket No. 50-285

SUBJECT: Application for Resolution of an Unreviewed Safety Question and Amendment of Operating License

Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) is submitting this "Application for Resolution of an Unreviewed Safety Question and Amendment of Operating License." The Unreviewed Safety Question results from the proposal to install capability for override of the Containment Isolation Actuation Signal (CIAS) which closes the containment isolation valves for reactor coolant system letdown flow. This proposal does not affect any other containment isolation valves. OPPD proposes to (1) provide two CIAS override switches on Control Room Panel CB-1,2,3, one for each of the two letdown isolation valves, (2) provide control room annunciation that override of CIAS to the isolation valves has been initiated, and (3) provide timers to reinstate the CIAS to the isolation valves after the allowed overriding time has expired. OPPD proposes to amend the Fort Calhoun Station (FCS) Unit Number 1 Updated Safety Analysis Report to reflect the capability to override the CIAS for these valves, and to amend Appendix B, Additional Conditions of Facility Operating License No. DPR-40, to document this capability as an additional license condition.

Attachment A contains a markup reflecting the proposed changes to the Updated Safety Analysis Report and the additional Facility Operating License Condition. Attachment B provides the "Discussion, Justification and No Significant Hazards Consideration."

The proposed modification would be completed during the refueling outage following NRC approval. In order to plan and implement this modification during the Fall 1999 refueling outage, OPPD respectfully requests expedited NRC review and approval by July 1999.

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