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LICENSEE: Nebraska Public Power District

FACILITY: Cooper Nuclear Station

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2026, PREAPPLICATION TELECONFERENCE WITH NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COOPER NUCLEAR STATION EMERGENCY PLAN (EPID L-2026-LRM-0106)

On September 9, 2026, an Observation public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and representatives of Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD, the licensee) via teleconference. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a planned license amendment request (LAR) regarding proposed changes to the Emergency Plan for Cooper Nuclear Station (Cooper). Specifically, these changes would update the current Emergency Plan to the guidance in NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Revision 2, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants," December 2019 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19347D139) and NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2016-10, "License Amendment Requests for Changes to Emergency Response Organization Staffing and Augmentation," dated August 5, 2016 (ML16124A002). The meeting notice and agenda are available in ADAMS at Accession No. ML26238A231. Enclosed is a list of attendees at the meeting.

The licensee presented information (ML26245A397) discussing the proposed changes and summarized its reasons for the requested changes. This meeting was mainly discussing the licensee's plans to update its current Cooper Emergency Plan with the guidance above.

The NRC staff queried the licensee throughout the presentation to enhance its understanding of the proposed changes in the LAR, including the following:

- The NRC staff asked the licensee whether the intent was to assign dose assessment responsibilities to the on shift radiation protection (RP) technicians and if so, whether or not a staffing analysis will be performed. The licensee stated it would provide a staffing analysis if performed as part of the license amendment request package.
- The NRC staff asked if the proposed changes to the technical support center and offsite response organization communicator and dose assessor positions were related to the emergency operations facility (EOF) activation at 60 minutes. The licensee stated that yes, because the EOF activation will occur at 60 minutes, the functions would transfer directly from the control room to the EOF corresponding positions.
- The NRC staff asked which positions were intended to be staffed at 90 minutes for the emergency response organization (ERO) as stated in the power point slides. The NRC

staff recommended that NUREG-0654, Table B-1 be reviewed to ensure that the functions can be maintained throughout the emergency and that increases to staffing and response times need to be fully justified. The NRC staff asked whether NPPD reviewed precedents for staffing changes.

No regulatory decisions were made as a result of this teleconference. There were no members of the public in attendance. No Public Meeting Feedback forms were received.

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List of Attendees

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