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Attn: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

Gentlemen:

**COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 10CFR50.48 AND  
APPENDIX R TO PART 50 OF THE TITLE 10  
OF CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

Reference: Federal Register Volume 64, No. 159,  
Pages 44860-44865, dated August 18, 1999

AmerenUE concurs with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) with respect to elimination of the requirements for noncombustible fire barrier penetration seal materials. After a collective review by several utilities (AmerenUE, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, STP Nuclear Operating Company, and TXU Electric) and in accordance with the Callaway position, AmerenUE endorses this change in the regulations. AmerenUE has no additional comments regarding the matters delineated in the referenced Federal Register. In addition, this communication contains no new licensing basis commitments regarding Callaway Plant.

Sincerely,

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