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**\*\*\*FOR THE RECORD\*\*\***

**THE NRC AND THE OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ACTION: A CLARIFICATION**

Last week, Omaha Public Power District's Board of Directors approved an "operating services," a division of Exelon Generation, to oversee operation of the Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant. The plant has been shut down since Spring 2011 following flooding along the Missouri River.

News reports quoted one board member as saying it was his impression that OPPD was not going to be able to restart the plant without turning to outside management. OPPD managers did inform NRC officials that they were thinking of making a similar arrangement with Exelon that Cooper Nuclear Station made with Entergy, which it hired to operate that facility.

But those discussions were simply a courtesy. To be clear, the NRC does not exercise any authority or interfere in the management of the nation's 104 operating reactors. Nor does the agency suggest who should be hired, fired or replaced. NRC is responsible for ensuring that its licensees comply with its regulatory requirements. How each licensee does that is left completely in their own hands.