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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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- References:
1. Docket No. 50-285
  2. Operating License DPR-40 Amendment No. 158
  3. Letter from OPPD (W. G. Gates) to NRC (Document Control Desk) dated June 23, 1993 (LIC-93-0119)
  4. Letter from OPPD (W. G. Gates) to NRC (Document Control Desk) dated August 12, 1993 (LIC-93-0200)
  5. Letter from OPPD (S. K. Gambhir) to NRC (Document Control Desk) dated January 30, 1998 (LIC-98-0009)
  6. Letter from OPPD (S. K. Gambhir) to NRC (Document Control Desk) dated November 15, 1999 (LIC-99-0107)
  7. Letter from NRC (L. R. Wharton) to OPPD (S. K. Gambhir) dated November 30, 1999

**SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Application for Amendment of Operating License**

Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) submitted the Reference 5 *Application for Amendment of Operating License* in order to delete Section 3.E, *License Term*, from the Fort Calhoun Station (FCS) Unit No. 1 Operating License No. DPR-40. This application included an updated fluence analysis (Westinghouse calculation SE-REA-95-003, *Fast Neutron Fluence Evaluations for the Fort Calhoun Unit 1 Reactor Pressure Vessel*, dated November 1995). The Reference 6 letter provided a revised methodology for calculating  $RT_{PTS}$ , as documented in report CEN-636, Rev. 0, from ABB Combustion Engineering Nuclear Power, *Evaluation of Reactor Vessel Surveillance Data Pertinent to the Fort Calhoun Reactor Vessel Beltline Materials – Basis for Prediction of  $RT_{PTS}$  for the Fort Calhoun RPV*.

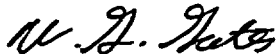
In the Reference 7 letter, the NRC transmitted staff concerns related to the revised ABB methodology for prediction of  $RT_{PTS}$  at the expiration of the FCS license. A meeting of NRC, OPPD, and ABB Combustion Engineering Nuclear Power representatives was held at NRC Headquarters on January 6, 2000, to discuss the staff concerns and OPPD plans for resolving the issue. The participants at this meeting agreed that: (1) OPPD should withdraw the Reference 5 license amendment application, and (2) OPPD should subsequently resubmit the application with a revised version of ABB report CEN-636.

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Accordingly, OPPD hereby withdraws the Reference 5 *Application for Amendment of Operating License* and the supplemental information submitted via Reference 6. OPPD plans to revise and resubmit the amendment application and supporting information by April 30, 2000.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



W. G. Gates  
Vice President

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c: E. W. Merschoff, NRC Regional Administrator, Region IV  
L. R. Wharton, NRC Project Manager  
W. C. Walker, NRC Senior Resident Inspector  
B. E. Casari, Director - Environmental Health Division, State of Nebraska  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of )

Omaha Public Power District )  
(Fort Calhoun Station )  
Unit No. 1) )

Docket No. 50-285

AFFIDAVIT

W. G. Gates, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says that he is the Vice President in charge of all nuclear activities of the Omaha Public Power District; that as such he is duly authorized to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the withdrawal of the Application for Amendment dated January 30, 1998 concerning deletion of Section 3.E, *LICENSE TERM* of Facility Operating License No. DPR-40 and supplemental information dated November 15, 1999; that he is familiar with the content thereof; and that the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

*W. G. Gates*

W. G. Gates  
Vice President

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
) ss  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Nebraska on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

*Joan M. Hinline*  
Notary Public

