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This is in response to your two letters of June 8, 1981 and the letter of January 26, 1982 regarding the primary and backup Emergency Operations Facilities (EOFs) for the Prairie Island and Monticello Nuclear Generating Plants. The letters indicate that a common backup EOF would be located 55 miles from the Prairie Island site and 45 miles from the Monticello plant site at the Headquarters Emergency Center in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota. The primary EOF for Prairie Island will be located onsite 0.5 miles from the reactor containment and the primary EOF for Monticello will be located onsite one mile from containment.

This letter is to advise you that the Commission finds that your position is acceptable with regard to the location of both your backup and primary EOFs for these plants. This approval applies only to the location of these facilities. Approval of the other features of these facilities as well as the approval of your other Emergency Response Facilities (ERFs) will be determined during postimplementation appraisal to be conducted at the Monticello and Prairie Island sites by the NRC when all your ERFs have been completed.

Sincerely,

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