

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

In the Matter of)	
)	
Northern States Power Company)	Docket No. 72-10-ISFSI-2
)	
(Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant,)	ASLBP No. 12-922-01-ISFSI-MLR-
Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation))	BRD01

JOINT CONTENTION 6 (HIGH BURNUP FUEL) SETTLEMENT UPDATE

Pursuant to the Board’s May 11, 2015 Order (Approving Deferral of Answers & Ruling on Contention 6 Summary Disposition Motions), Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation (“NSPM”), the Prairie Island Indian Community and the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC Staff”)(collectively “the Parties”) jointly submit this settlement update. The NRC Staff previously projected that it would complete its Safety Evaluation Report in September 2015.¹ The NRC Staff now projects that it will complete that document in October 2015. Good faith settlement discussions regarding Contention 6 (High Burnup Fuel) continue among the Parties. The Parties are making progress and hope to reach a settlement in the near term.

NRC Staff’s and PIIC’s counsel have authorized NSPM to file this joint update on their behalf. Counsel for NSPM certifies that he has consulted with the other parties before filing this update, and does so with the support of all Parties.

¹ See NRC Staff’s Updated Status Report of Safety Review Schedule (July 14, 2015).

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing “Joint Contention 6 (High Burnup Fuel Settlement Update” has been served through the E-Filing system on the participants in the above-captioned proceeding, this 17th day of August 2015.

/Signed electronically by Kimberly A. Harshaw/

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