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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

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September 24, 1979

Mr James G Keppler
Director - Region III
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Mr Keppler:

PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket Nos. 50-282 License Nos. DPR-42
50-306 DPR-60

Response to IE Bulletins 78-12, 78-12A, and 78-12B
dated September 29, 1978, November 29, 1978, and March 19, 1979

We have been informed by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation that the schedule for providing the Prairie Island reactor vessel weld metal information specified in IE Bulletins 78-12, 78-12A, and 78-12B has been extended once again.

As noted in our earlier correspondence, the reactor vessels for the Prairie Island plant were manufactured by Creusot-Loire of France. Westinghouse has experienced difficulties in obtaining the necessary information due to communications barriers. We now believe that these difficulties have been overcome and Creusot-Loire will provide the needed information to Westinghouse by October 31, 1979. Allowing time for review by Westinghouse and NSP, a submittal date of November, 1979 should be possible for the material requested in the subject IE Bulletins.

Please contact us if you require additional information concerning our response or if our proposed schedule is not adequate.

Very truly yours,

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