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PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
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Modification of Commitment Related to Response to Notice of Violation
contained in Inspection Reports No. 50-282/93022 and No. 50-306/93022
"Special Nuclear Material Accounting and Security Inspection"

NRC Inspection Reports No. 50-282/93022 and No. 50-306/93022 "Special Nuclear Material Accounting and Security Inspection" dated February 11, 1994 contained a Notice of Violation concerning safeguards information (SGI) which was left unsecured in a building outside of the Prairie Island plant protected area for a short period of time. Our response to this Notice of Violation was transmitted on March 14, 1994. In this response, we outlined several corrective actions taken to prevent a recurrence of a similar violation. These corrective actions included establishing a single restricted access repository for SGI at our corporate office. In our description of this facility we asserted that the "room is protected with a motion detector alarm (volumetric)". During a follow-up inspection conducted between April 26, 1994 and May 12, 1994, as documented in NRC Inspection Reports No. 50-282/94006 and 50-306/94006, it was verified that all corrective actions identified in our March 14, 1994 response to the Notice of Violation had been implemented with the exception of the motion (intrusion) detector alarm for the corporate office SGI repository being operational. This device had been installed but was not fully operational as alarms were not, at that time, remotely announced.

After your visit, computer software problems that prevented this intrusion detection system from working were corrected. Detection criteria is being met as alarms now annunciate in an area where they can be monitored. However, problems with nuisance alarms and the determination of proper alarm response have caused us to question the economic viability of committing to this corrective action when it is not required by regulation. The SGI stored in this area, when not continuously attended by an SGI qualified person, is stored in GSA approved containers. The fact that these containers are kept in a card reader and key pad controlled restricted access area already surpasses the SGI storage requirements of NUREG 0794, 4.1. Therefore, even though we intend to continue to utilize available technology to enhance our SGI

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repository security; we hereby retract our prior commitment concerning the SGI repository motion detector and respectfully request that this violation be closed based on all of the other corrective actions we have taken.

This letter retracts a prior commitment made in our March 14, 1994 response to the Notice of Violation contained in NRC Inspection Reports No. 50-282/93022 and No. 50-306/93022 "Special Nuclear Material Accounting and Security Inspection". The commitment to be deleted stated that the corporate office safeguards information repository is protected by a motion detector alarm (volumetric). Although we may choose to utilize such equipment in the future, its use will no longer be considered an NRC regulatory commitment.

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