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Mr. Creed:

The purpose of this letter is to request exemption for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306) from demonstrating the Backup EOF during the 1995 utility only emergency preparedness exercise.

We recognize that NUREG 0645 recommends demonstration of the backup EOF once in every five year cycle. We are requesting exemption from demonstrating that objective for the Prairie Island 1995 utility only exercise based on the following.

The current backup EOF facility was successfully demonstrated by the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant in 1994. All aspects of the backup EOF were tested at that time. Prairie Island ERO members have toured the backup EOF facility and are familiar with its operation therefore it is our feeling that the time and cost associated with transporting the entire EOF staff forty miles to the backup EOF would provide minimal additional training benefit.

NSP is also currently conducting a feasibility study to determine if the sister plant EOF would be a better choice for a backup EOF facility. If the results of the feasibility study conclude that the backup EOF should be relocated, we would consider demonstrating the backup EOF objective at that time. It is our intent to make a decision on the relocation of the backup EOF by years end.

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We await your decision on this matter. If you require additional information or clarification please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael R. Offerdahl".

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Corporate Emergency Planner

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