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November 5, 1996

Mr. Roger O. Anderson, Director
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Northern States Power Company
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 (TAC
NOS. M96654 AND M96655)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

By Northern States Power Company's (NSP's) supplement dated October 17, 1996, to your application dated September 24, 1996, and Combustion Engineering, Inc.'s (CE's) affidavit executed by Ian C. Rickard dated October 10, 1996, NSP submitted supplemental information related to your license amendment request for incorporation of elevated F-Star (EF*) steam generator tube repair criteria into the Prairie Island Units 1 and 2 technical specifications. NSP requested that Attachment 1, CEN-620-P, Revision 02-P, "Series 44 & 51 Design Steam Generator Tube Repair Using a Tube Re-Rolling Technique," October 1996, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. The October 17, 1996, application also stated that a nonproprietary version of this document is under preparation and would be submitted to NRC when it is received from CE.

CE stated that CEN-620-P, Revision 02-P, should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

1. A similar product is manufactured and sold by major pressurized water reactor (PWR) competitors of CE.
2. Development of this information by CE required tens of thousands of dollars and thousands of manhours of effort. A competitor would have to undergo similar expense in generating equivalent information.
3. In order to acquire such information, a competitor would also require considerable time and inconvenience to develop the analyses and testing performed to verify that re-rolling tubes is an acceptable repair technique.
4. The information consists of the design and development of a tube repair technique involving the re-roll process, the application of which provides a competitive economic advantage. The availability of such information to competitors would enable them to modify their product to better compete with CE, take marketing or other actions to improve their product's position or impair the position of CE's product, and avoid developing similar data and analyses in support of their processes, methods, or apparatus.
5. In pricing CE's products and services, significant research, development, engineering, analytical, manufacturing, licensing, quality assurance, and other costs and expenses must be included. The ability of CE's competitors to utilize such information without similar

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expenditure or resources may enable them to sell at prices reflecting significantly lower costs.

6. Use of the information by competitors in the international marketplace would increase their ability to market nuclear steam supply systems by reducing the costs associated with their technology development. In addition, disclosure would have an adverse economic impact on CE's potential for obtaining or maintaining foreign licensees.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, the version of the submitted information (CEN-620-P, Revision 02-P, "Series 44 & 51 Design Steam Generator Tube Repair Using a Tube Re-Rolling Technique," October 1996) marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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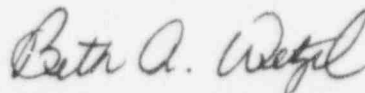
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