

November 5, 1996

Mr. Roger O. Anderson, Director
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANTS, UNITS NO. 1 AND NO. 2-
WITHDRAWAL OF AN AMENDMENT REQUEST REGARDING COOLING WATER SYSTEM
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION (TAC NOS. M96698 AND M96699)

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The purpose of this letter is to advise that the above cited application is being treated as withdrawn. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of the proposed amendment had not been published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

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