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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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November 5, 1996

Mr. Roger O. Anderson, Director
Licensing and Management Issues
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 your application dated September 24, 1996, and Westinghouse Electric Corporation's affidavit executed by Nicholas J. Liparulo dated September 13, 1996 (CAW-96-1010), you submitted a 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. You requested that Exhibit D, WCAP-14225, Revision 1, "F* and Elevated F* Tube Plugging Criteria for Tubes With Degradation in the Tubesheet of the Prairie Island Units 1 and 2 Steam Generators," be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. Your September 24, 1996, application also contained a nonproprietary version of this document.

Westinghouse stated that WCAP-14225, Revision 1, should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

1. The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
2. The information, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing a similar product.
3. The information reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.
4. The information is expected to be applicable in other licensee submittals in response to certain NRC requirements for justification of the use of F* and elevated F* criteria for tubes with degradation in the tubesheet region in steam generators.

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.

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Therefore, the version of the submitted information 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,

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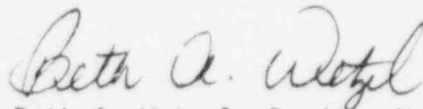
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