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PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
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Resubmittal of Cooling Water System Technical Specification Amendments

Attached is a request for change to the Technical Specifications, Appendix A of the Operating Licenses, for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. This request is submitted in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.90. These requested amendments will revise Prairie Island Technical Specifications governing the Cooling Water System. On September 11, 1996, Northern States Power Company submitted a license amendment request titled, "Cooling Water System Technical Specification Amendments." By letter dated October 10, 1996, the September 11, 1996 submittal was withdrawn. This license amendment request is a resubmittal of the cooling water system Technical Specifications with the discussions of discretionary entry into Specification 3.3.D.2.a revised to facilitate NRC review.

These amendments are necessary to improve plant operations based on operational experience with the vertical motor-driven cooling water pump as a "swing" safeguards pump and the Prairie Island self-assessment Service Water System Operational Performance Inspection (SWSOPI). These proposed amendments will bring Specification Sections 5.2 and 5.4 into conformance with the guidance of NUREG-1431, Standard Technical Specifications, Westinghouse Plants, Revision 1.

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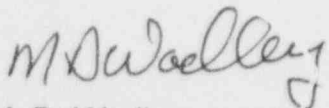
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Exhibit A contains a description of the proposed changes, the reasons for requesting the changes, and the supporting safety evaluation and significant hazards determination. Exhibit B contains current Prairie Island Technical Specification pages marked up to show the proposed changes. Exhibit C contains the revised Prairie Island Technical Specification pages.

Some of these proposed amendments are offered in support of modifications identified in the self-assessment SWSOPI as means for improving Cooling Water System performance and overall plant safety. Implementation of these modifications is scheduled to begin during the Unit 2 outage beginning in January 1997. Accordingly we request that these amendments be issued by February 1, 1997 to facilitate the modification schedule.

If you have any questions related to this License Amendment Request please contact Dale Vincent at 612-388-6758.



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