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February 21, 1997

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR
GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, COOLING WATER SYSTEMS TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS (TAC NOS. M97332 AND M97333)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

By letter dated November 6, 1996, Northern States Power Company (NSP) submitted a request to amend the Technical Specifications (TS) for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, to improve plant operation based on operational experience with the vertical motor-driven cooling water pump. The changes are also proposed to incorporate information gathered by NSP during its self-assessment Service Water System Operational Performance Inspection (SWSOPI) completed in late 1995. In order to review the proposed changes to the design features section of the TS the staff requires additional information.

In justifying the deletion of information presently contained in the TS design features section, NSP stated in its November 6, 1996, submittal that the deleted information is or will be appropriately controlled. Please provide more specific information related to the deletion of this information. Include the following points: where the deleted information is or when and where it will be specifically relocated, what the control is or will be (TS, 50.59, or licensee administrative), and why such a reduced level of control is appropriate for the information that is in the second and third categories, (simply consistency with the STS is not sufficient).

The staff requests that you submit your response to this request within 60 days to meet the staff's review schedule. If you have any questions regarding the content of the request, please contact me at (301) 415-1355.

Sincerely,

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