

May 5, 1997

Mr. Roger O. Anderson, Director  
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, WITHDRAWAL  
OF A REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE ASME BOILER AND PRESSURE  
VESSEL CODE CASE N-521 (TAC NOS. M94037 AND M94038)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

By letter dated November 1, 1995, and supplemented August 9, 1996, and  
November 26, 1996, Northern States Power Company submitted a request for  
authorization to use American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler  
and Pressure Vessel Code Case N-521, "Alternative Rules for Deferral of  
Inspections of Nozzle-to-Vessel Welds, Inside Radius Sections, and  
Nozzle-to-Safe End Welds of a Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Vessel,  
Section XI, Division 1," during the Prairie Island Third Ten Year Inservice  
Inspections Interval for both Units 1 and 2. Subsequently, by letter dated  
April 15, 1997, you withdrew the request for authorization in its entirety.

The NRC will conduct no further review of this request and TAC Nos. M94037 and  
M94038 will be closed. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please  
contact me at (301) 415-1355.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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