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**PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT**  
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**Voluntary Alternative Emergency Telecommunications System Implementation**

NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2000-11 states that the FTS 2000 contract for the Emergency Telecommunications System (ETS) expires December of 2000 and that FTS 2000 will be replaced by FTS 2001. RIS 2000-11 notes that, as an alternative to transitioning to FTS 2001, licensees can use their own communications networks to provide long distance access to ETS circuits if the licensee's network can route ETS calls to long distance service independent of the local telephone switch.

This letter is the Prairie Island notification (required by Attachment 2 of RIS 2000-11) that Prairie Island has decided to replace the existing AT&T FTS circuits with circuits provided on our corporate network. The dialtone will be provided by the Private Branch Exchange (PBX) at Xcel Energy's Sherburne County facility and routed on Xcel's fiber network to Prairie Island; this configuration completely bypasses the local Red Wing telephone switch. The Sherburne County PBX has Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) backup.

In this letter we have made no new Nuclear Regulatory Commission commitments. Please contact Mike Brown (651-388-1121 ext. 4429) if you have any questions related to this letter.

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