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PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

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Implementation of Revised 10 CFR 50.59 Requirements

On October 4, 1999, the NRC published a final rule revising 10 CFR 50.59 (and related requirements in Part 50 and in Part 72). The revised requirements become effective 90 days after Commission approval of regulatory guidance on implementation. The NRC issued a notice in the Federal Register on December 13, 2000, that announced availability of this regulatory guidance. Based on the date of publication of the implementation guidance, the effective date for the 10 CFR 50.59 rule change is March 13, 2001.

Because of the Prairie Island Unit 1 refueling outage scheduled for January and February of 2001, it will be difficult to complete procedure revisions and training for all affected personnel prior to March 13, 2001. In order to accommodate the Unit 1 refueling outage and allow for an orderly transition, implementation of the 10 CFR 50.59 rule change at Prairie Island will be completed by June 15, 2001. During the interim period we will continue to follow the requirements of the existing rules. Since the revised rule provisions provide greater flexibility than the existing rule requirements, continued implementation of the existing requirements will ensure that the provisions of the revised rule will be met.

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

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