

April 24, 2002

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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 -
ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (EPRI) TOPICAL REPORT
TR-113594, "RESOLUTION OF GENERIC LETTER 96-06 WATERHAMMER
ISSUES," VOLUMES 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M96854 AND M96855)

Dear Mr. Nazar:

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1392.

Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306

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