

January 28, 2004

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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 -
WITHDRAWAL OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST RE: CHANGES TO
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS TO IMPLEMENT NEI 97-06
(TAC NOS. MC1212 AND MC1213)

Dear Mr. Solymossy:

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The amendment request submitted on October 31, 2003, was modeled after the lead plant submittal for implementation of NEI 97-06. During the acceptance review of this amendment request, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff informed NMC that there were issues causing delays with approval of the lead plant submittal and these issues would impact approval of the Prairie Island amendment request. Based on this information, NMC chose to withdraw the October 31, 2003, application.

The purpose of this letter is to advise NMC that the above cited application is being treated as withdrawn. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of the proposed amendment had not been published in the *Federal Register*.

Sincerely,

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