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Dear Mr. Jepson:

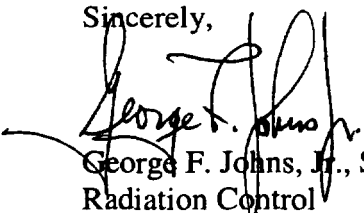
Subject: Decommissioning Financial Assurance Instrument

On January 20, 2006, the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission sent Northern States Power Company notification that the State of Minnesota was in the process of becoming and Agreement State. Northern States Power Company was requested to re-issue the financial assurance instrument so that the provisions that specify the "US Nuclear Regulatory Commission" were changed to the "State of Minnesota."

On March 31, 2006, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) assumed regulatory authority for radioactive material and MDH issued a Radioactive Materials License. However, Northern States Power Company has failed to complete the requested change in its financial assurance instrument. Your prompt attention to this matter is required.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, please contact Sherrie Flaherty at (651) 201-4522 or me at (651) 201-4530.

Sincerely,



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