

June 10, 2008

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SUBJECT: DETERMINATION OF ACCEPTABILITY AND SUFFICIENCY FOR DOCKETING,
PROPOSED REVIEW SCHEDULE, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING
REGARDING THE APPLICATION FROM NUCLEAR MANAGEMENT COMPANY,
LLC, FOR RENEWAL OF THE OPERATING LICENSES FOR THE PRAIRIE
ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

Dear Mr. Wadley:

By letter dated April 11, 2008 and supplemented May 16, 2008, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) received the Nuclear Management Company, LLC's application for renewal of operating licenses DPR-42 and DPR-60 for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 (PINGP). Notice of receipt of this application was published in the *Federal Register* on May 6, 2008 (73 FR 25034) as corrected on May 27, 2008 (73 FR 30423). The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of the license renewal application (LRA) for PINGP. The acceptance review determines whether the application contains sufficient information to allow the NRC staff to proceed with the safety and environmental review.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application following the guidance in NUREG-1800, Revision 1, "Standard Review Plan for Review of License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants," and NUREG-1555, "Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants." As a result, the NRC staff has determined that the application is complete and acceptable for docketing, in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Sections 54.19, 54.21, 54.22, 54.23, 51.45, and 51.53(c). However, the staff's determination does not preclude requests for additional information (RAIs) as the review proceeds.

This letter forwards the NRC staff's safety and environmental review schedule for the PINGP application (Enclosure 1). The NRC staff will follow established review procedures and the enclosed schedule to complete the reviews required by 10 CFR Parts 51 and 54. This schedule has been established in accordance with a 30-month review plan, which includes time to conduct a hearing, should a hearing be requested and granted. Milestones for hearing activities are not included in the enclosed schedule because such dates would be established by the Commission or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board should a hearing be granted.

We would like to emphasize that the review of your LRA will be very detailed and thorough. The NRC staff will make every effort to meet the scheduled milestones. Your responses to any RAIs must be complete and timely. We request that you inform the NRC staff as early as possible should potential delays arise in your support of the schedule.

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Finally, we have also enclosed a copy of the notice related to your application that is being sent to the Office of the Federal Register for publication (Enclosure 2). This notice announces the opportunity to request a hearing and to file a petition for leave to intervene.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Richard Plasse, Project Manager for the review of the PINGP LRA, by telephone at 301-415-1427 or via e-mail at Richard.Plasse@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Samson Lee, Acting Director
Division of License Renewal
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306

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**PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
REVIEW SCHEDULE
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW SCHEDULE**

Milestones	Schedule	Actual
Receive License Renewal (LR) Application	04/15/08	04/15/08
Federal Register Notice (FRN) Published- Receipt & Availability	5/31/08	05/06/08
FRN Published – Acceptability/Opportunity for Hearing	06/13/08	
FRN Published-Notice of Intent to Conduct Environmental Scoping	06/30/08	
Public Meeting – Process Overview and Environmental Scoping	07/30/08	
On-site Audit - Scoping & Screening Methodology	08/04/08	
Deadline for Filing Hearing Requests and Petitions for Intervention	08/13/08	
On-site Audit - Environmental	08/18/08	
Environmental Scoping Period Ends	09/02/08	
On-site Audit - Aging Management	09/08/08	
Environmental Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) Issued	09/15/08	
Environmental RAIs - Response Received	10/15/08	
Safety RAIs - Issued	11/15/08	
Safety RAI - Responses Received	12/14/08	
Inspection - Regional	TBD	
Public Exit Meeting - Regional Inspections	TBD	
Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) -	03/11/09	
EPA FRN Published - Availability / Comment on draft SEIS	03/26/09	
End of draft SEIS Comment Period	04/13/09	
Public Meeting - draft SEIS	05/08/09	
Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with Open Items - Issued	05/15/09	
Inspection - Final Optional	TBD	
ACRS Subcommittee Meeting on SER with Open Items	07/09	
SER with Open Items - Responses Received	07/15/09	
SER - Issued	10/22/09	
Final SEIS - Issued	10/23/09	
EPA FRN Published - Availability of Final SEIS	11/04/09	
ACRS Full Committee Meeting on SER	12/09	
Decision Director NRR - Approval (22 months if no hearing)	02/15/10	
Commission decision (if hearing is granted - 30 months)	10/15/10	

Letter to M. Wadley from S. Lee, dated June 10, 2008

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