

July 10, 2008

Mr. Don L. Klima, Director
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Office of Federal Agency Programs
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2,
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Klima:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) is reviewing an application to renew the operating licenses for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 (PINGP), located in Red Wing, Minnesota, approximately 39 miles southeast of Minneapolis. PINGP is operated by Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC). The application for renewal was submitted by NMC in a letter dated April 11, 2008, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations Part 54* (10 CFR Part 54).

The NRC has established that, as part of the staff's review of any nuclear power plant license renewal action, a site-specific Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," NUREG-1437, will be prepared under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 51, the NRC's regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8(c), the SEIS will include analyses of potential impacts to historic and cultural resources.

The NRC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Prairie Island Indian Community (PIIC) for the PINGP license renewal environmental review (Enclosure). The MOU establishes a cooperating agency relationship between the NRC and the PIIC, with the NRC as lead agency responsible for preparing the SEIS.

On July 30, 2008, the NRC will conduct two public meetings. The first session will be held in the afternoon and an identical session will be held later that evening. Both sessions will be held at the Red Wing Public Library, 225 East Avenue, Red Wing, MN 55066. The first meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. You and your staff are invited to attend the public meetings. In addition, during the week of August 18, 2008, the NRC staff plans to conduct a site audit at PINGP. Your office will receive a copy of the draft SEIS along with a request for comments. The anticipated publication date for the draft SEIS is March 2009.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the License Renewal Project Manager, Mr. J.P. Leous, at 301-415-2864 or Justin.Leous@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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