

July 24, 2008

Ronald Johnson, President
Prairie Island Indian Community
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road
Welch, MN 55089

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PRAIRIE ISLAND
NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL
APPLICATION REVIEW

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Stanley Crooks, Chairman
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux
Community of Minnesota
2330 Sioux Trail NW
Prior Lake, MN 55372-9077

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Kevin Jensvold, Chairman
Upper Sioux Community of Minnesota
P.O. Box 147
Granite Falls, MN 56241-0147

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Jean Stacy, President
Lower Sioux Indian
Community of Minnesota
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Joseph Brings Plenty, Chairman
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
P.O. Box 590
Eagle Butte, SD 57625

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Lester Thompson, Chairman
Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Council
P.O. Box 50
Fort Thompson, SD 57339

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Joshua Weston, President
Flandreau Santee Sioux
Executive Committee
P.O. Box 283
Flandreau, SD 57028

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Michael Jandreau, Chairman
Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council
187 Oyate Circle
Lower Brule, SD 57548

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Oglala Sioux Tribal Council
P.O. Box 2070
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

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Rodney Bordeaux, President
Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council
P.O. Box 430
Rosebud, SD 57570

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Roger Trudell, Chairman
Santee Sioux Nation
108 Spirit Lake Avenue West
Niobrara, NE 68760-7219

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Michael Selvage, Sr., Chairman
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
of the Lake Traverse Reservation
P.O. Box 509
Agency Village, SD 57262

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Myra Pearson, Chairperson
Spirit Lake Tribal Council
P.O. Box 359
Fort Totten, ND 58335

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Ron His Horse is Thunder, Chairman
Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council
P.O. Box D
Fort Yates, ND 58538

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Marcus Wells, Jr., Chairman
Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council
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July 24, 2008

David Brien, Chairman
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PRAIRIE ISLAND
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APPLICATION REVIEW

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Matthew Pilcher, Chairman
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Winnebago, NE 68071

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July 24, 2008

Robert Cournoyer, Chairman
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P.O. Box 248
Marty, SD 57361-0248

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PRAIRIE ISLAND
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July 24, 2008

Wilfred Cleveland, President
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PRAIRIE ISLAND
NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL
APPLICATION REVIEW

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July 24, 2008

Kevin Leecy, Chairman
Bois Forte Reservation
Business Committee
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Nett Lake, MN 55770

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Karen Diver, Chairwoman
Fond du Lac Reservation
Business Committee
1720 Big Lake Road
Cloquet, MN 55720

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NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL
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Norman DesChampe, Chairman
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Business Committee
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APPLICATION REVIEW

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George Goggleye, Chairman
Leech Lake Reservation
Business Committee
6530 U.S. Highway #2 NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

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Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
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Business Committee
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Floyd Jourdain, Chairman
Red Lake Band of Chippewa
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Hazel Hindsley, Chairwoman
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A supplemental environmental impact statement will be prepared for PINGP to document the staff's review of environmental impacts related to land use, environmental justice, terrestrial ecology, aquatic ecology, hydrology, cultural resources, and socioeconomic issues (among others), and will contain a recommendation regarding the environmental acceptability of the license renewal action.

Please submit any comments that you may have to offer on the scope of the environmental review by September 22, 2008. Written comments should be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail at PrairieIslandEIS@nrc.gov. At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC staff will prepare a summary of the significant issues identified and the conclusions reached, and mail a copy to you.

To accommodate interested members of the public, the NRC will hold two public scoping meetings for the PINGP license renewal supplement to the GEIS on July 30, 2008. The first session will be held in the afternoon and an identical session will be held later that evening. 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. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of each session. Both sessions will be held at the Red Wing Public Library, 225 East Avenue, Red Wing, MN 55066.

The PINGP license renewal application and the GEIS are available on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/prairie-island.html>. In addition, the Red Wing Public Library has agreed to make the license renewal application and the GEIS available for public inspection; 225 East Avenue, Red Wing, MN 55066.

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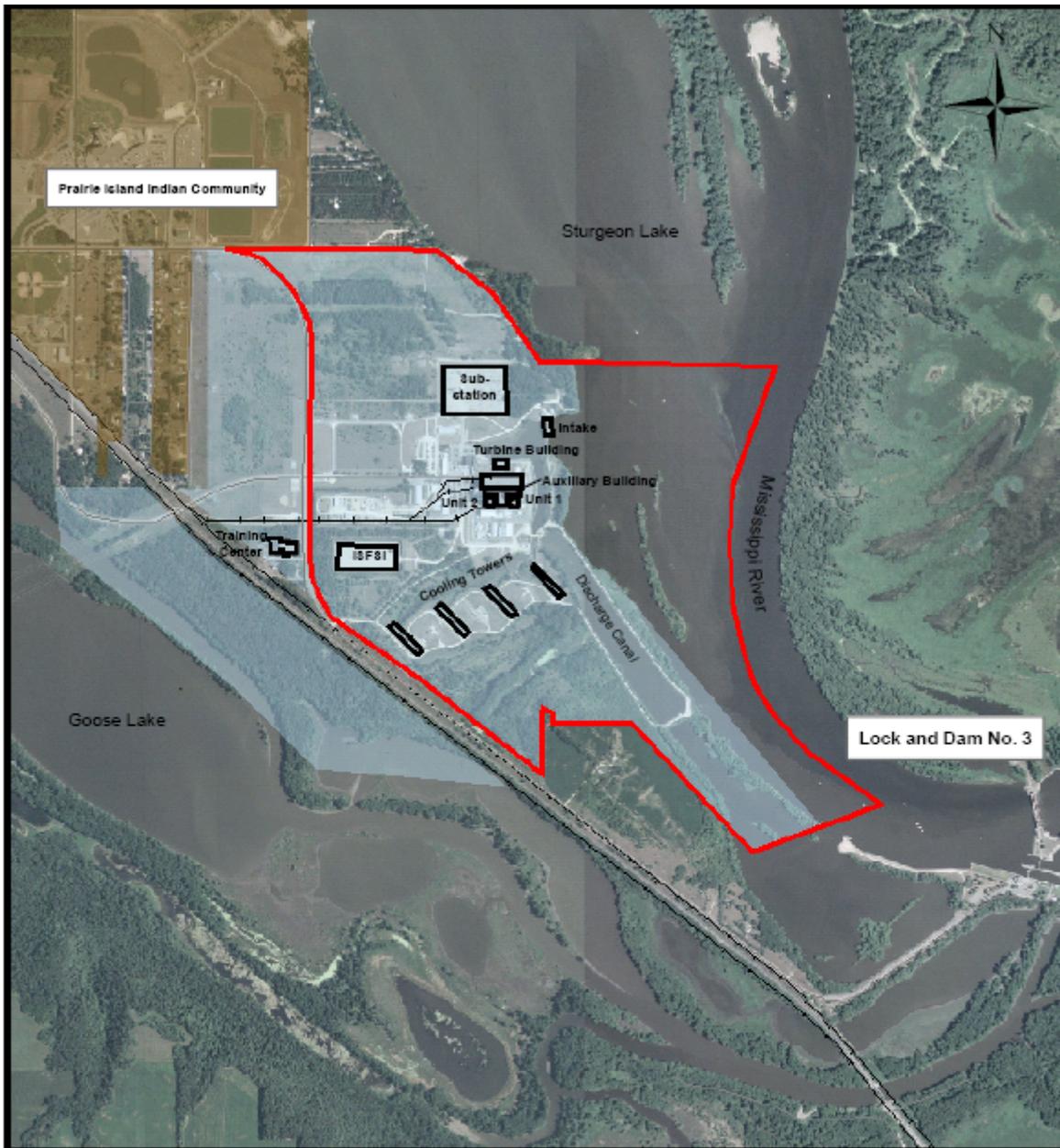
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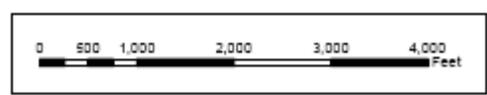
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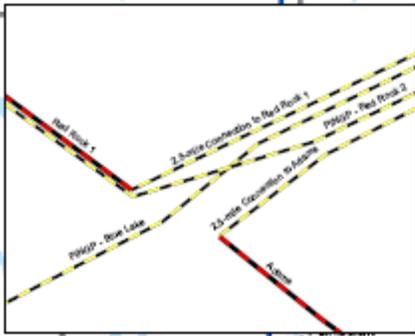
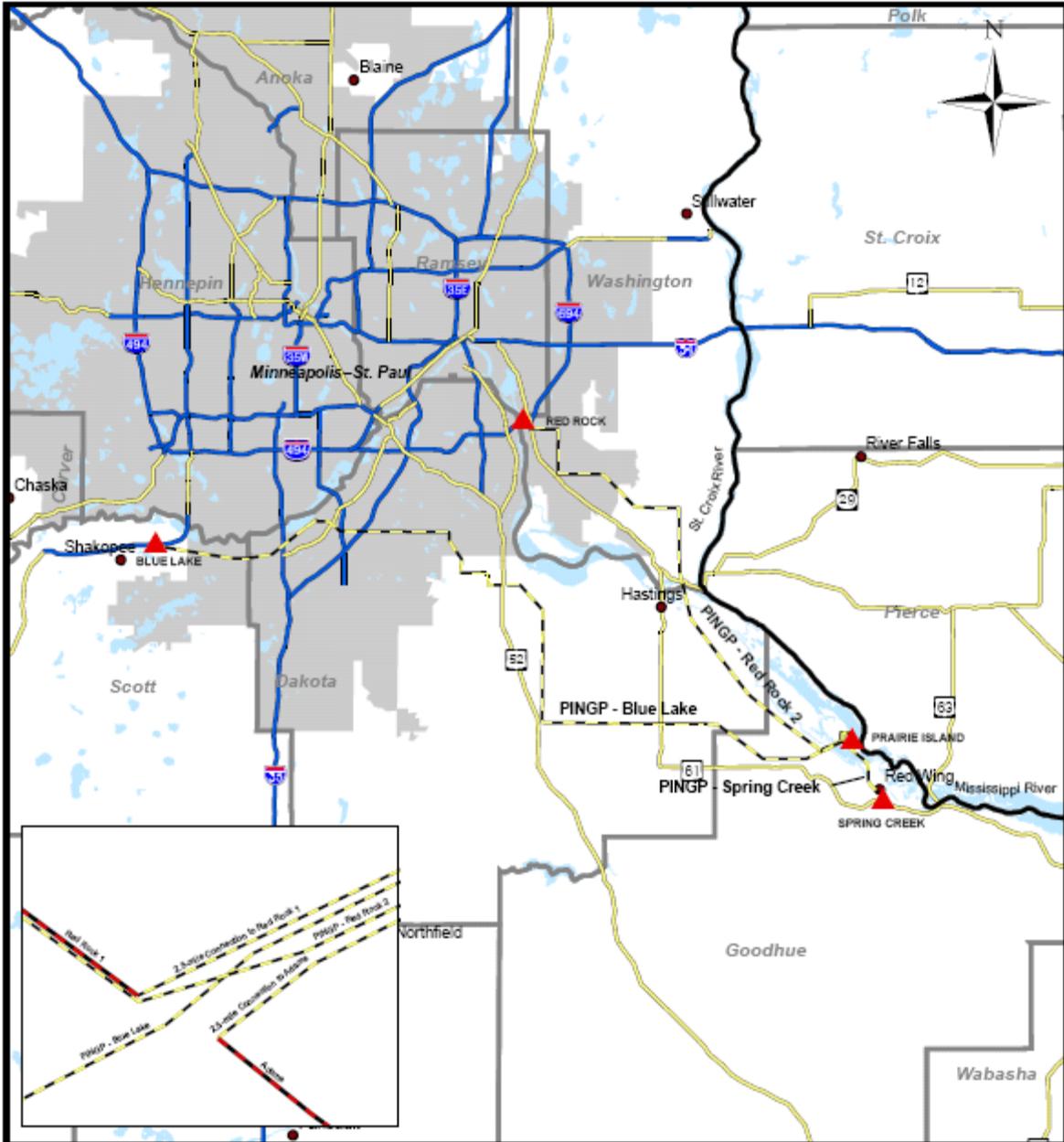


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- Xcel Energy Property
- Plant Features
- Exclusion Area Boundary
- Prairie Island Indian Community
- Local, Neighborhood, or Rural Road
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Figure 2.1-3 Exclusion Area Boundary**



Legend

- PINGP Transmission Line
- Substation
- Primary Highway with Limited Access
- Primary Highway
- City
- Urban Area
- Water
- County Boundary
- State Boundary



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 Figure 3.1-2 PINGP Transmission System

Letter to Prairie Island Tribal Organizations from R. Franovich dated July 24, 2008

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