

August 28, 2008

Mr. Michael D. Wadley
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 –
ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATION CHANGES TO ALLOW USE OF WESTINGHOUSE 0.422-INCH
OD 14X14 VANTAGE+ FUEL (TAC NOS. MD9142 AND MD9143)

Dear Mr. Wadley:

By letter dated June 26, 2008, Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) submitted a license amendment request for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. The proposed amendment would modify the technical specifications (TSs) to allow the use of Westinghouse 0.422-inch OD 14X14 VANTAGE+ fuel. By letter dated July 28, 2008, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff requested NMC to provide supplemental information to support this amendment request. By letter dated August 4, 2008, NMC provided the requested supplemental information.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the TSs) must fully describe the changes requested and, following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and supplemental information, and concluded that they do provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-4037.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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