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Subject: Comments on Draft Environmental Report for Prairie Island Nuclear Plant License renewal

I am writing to comment on the draft environmental report for the Prairie Nuclear Plant license renewal. I support the unit life extension as it minimizes pollution significantly. As both a user of the plants' output and a down river valley neighbor, I know that the alternatives are limited.

The No Action alternative will shut the plant down and cause generation by fossil fuels to increase (that's what we use in the Midwest). It will thus add to air emissions regardless of the use of coal or natural gas. The renewable sources are intermittent and very expensive. As a former County Board member I can assure our low income farming county can not stand many more rate increases in energy costs. We are not able in the MN- WI area to offset PI by either "conservation" or "renewable, thus it is imperative for us that the facility continues to operate. Our hope is to reduce emissions by the use of conservation and renewal energy, using that up to replace the non-emitting Prairie Island will be a major step backward in air quality efforts.

The environmental analysis for an alternative to PI must come up with higher total impact on society.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (608) 788-7004.

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