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July 29, 2011

Mr. Mark A. Schimmel
Site Vice President
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant
Northern States Power Company - Minnesota
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SUBJECT: COMMITMENT TO SUBMIT A LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO
TRANSITION TO 10 CFR 50.48(c), NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION
ASSOCIATION STANDARD NFPA 805, AND REQUEST TO EXTEND
ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION – PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING
PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. ME6675 AND ME6676)

Dear Mr. Schimmel:

By letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) dated June 22, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML111740866), Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation doing business as Xcel Energy, committed to submit a license amendment request (LAR) by September 30, 2012, to transition to National Fire Protection Association Standard NFPA 805 in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 50.48(c), and (2) requested that enforcement discretion for fire protection issues be extended to correspond with the LAR submittal date for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2.

The NRC staff has reviewed your letter and finds it consistent with Commission direction as provided in SRM-SECY-11-0061, dated June 10, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML111610616). Therefore, your request to extend enforcement discretion is granted in accordance with the Interim Enforcement Policy concerning Enforcement Discretion for Certain Fire Protection Issues as published in the *Federal Register* on July 12, 2011 (76 FR 40777).

If you are unable to meet the above LAR submittal date, you are requested to contact the NRC staff at least 90 days in advance. Please contact Thomas Wengert at 301-415-4037 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph G. Gitter".

for Joseph G. Gitter, Director
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306

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