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November 10, 2011

Mr. Mark A. Schimmel, Vice President
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Northern States Power Company, Minnesota
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - NRC
SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 05000282/2011202 AND
05000306/2011202

Dear Mr. Schimmel:

On September 30, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed via telephone on October 4, 2011, with Mr. Kurt Peterson, Business Support Manager and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

No findings of significance were identified.

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Sincerely,

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