

September 13, 2012

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
Northern States Power Company) Docket No. 72-10-ISFSI-2
)
Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant)
(Independent Spent Fuel Storage))

NRC STAFF UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
RESPOND TO PRAIRIE ISLAND INDIAN COMMUNITY'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

INTRODUCTION

The NRC Staff ("Staff") hereby requests a one-week extension of time to respond to the Prairie Island Indian Community's ("PIIC's") Request for Hearing and Petition to Intervene ("Petition") in the License Renewal Proceeding for the Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation ("ISFSI"), filed on August 24, 2012. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(h)(1), the NRC Staff's ("Staff's") Answer to PIIC's Petition is due within 25 days of the Petition, no later than September 18, 2012. The Staff believes a one-week extension is necessary for the following reasons.

On July 27, 2012, the Staff began negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with PIIC to become a cooperating agency for the Staff's Environmental Assessment of the Prairie Island ISFSI license renewal.¹ The Staff is scheduled to meet with PIIC on September 14, 2012, to discuss the MOU as well as aspects of the Staff's environmental review that are the subject of several contentions filed by PIIC. Because this meeting is likely to influence the Staff's Answer to PIIC's Petition, the Staff requests a brief extension so it can properly respond to PIIC's environmental contentions.

¹ See Letter from Mark A. Satorius, Director, NRC Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, to Mr. Johnny Johnson, President, Prairie Island Indian Community (ADAMS Accession No. ML12193A479).

The Staff contacted counsel for both the Applicant and PIIC, and neither party opposes the Staff's motion for a one-week extension.

Respectfully submitted,

/Signed (electronically) by/

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the NRC STAFF RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR HEARING AND PETITION TO INTERVENE BY THE PRAIRIE ISLAND INDIAN COMMUNITY, along with NOTICES OF APPEARANCE FOR MAURI T. LEMONCELLI, MOLLY BARKMAN MARSH, AND CHRISTOPHER C. HAIR have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE) this 13th day of September, 2012, which to the best of my knowledge resulted in transmittal of the copies to those on the EIE Service List for this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Notice is given that the undersigned attorney enters an appearance in the above-captioned matter in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.314(b).

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