UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
NORTHERN STATES POWER CO.) Docket No. 72-10-ISFSI-2
(Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation)) ASLBP No. 12-922-01-ISFSI-MLR-BD01)

NRC STAFF'S UPDATED STATUS REPORT OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE

Pursuant to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's February 1, 2013 Amended Initial Scheduling Order, the NRC Staff hereby submits this updated status report regarding its safety and environmental review schedule.¹ The NRC Staff expects to complete its Draft Environmental Assessment for public comment in September, 2013 instead of the initial estimate of August, 2013.² At this time, the Staff's estimate for completion of its Safety Evaluation Report in December 2013 remains unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed (electronically) by

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¹ Although the next status report would be due on September 1, 2013, the NRC Staff wishes to provide this advance notice to the Board and Parties. *See* Amended Initial Section Order (Feb. 1, 2013) at 6-7.

² See NRC Staff's Notification of Safety and Environmental Review Schedule (Jan. 15, 2013).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R § 2.305, I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S UPDATED STATUS REPORT OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE" in the above-captioned proceeding have been filed through the E-Filing system this 15th day of August 2013.

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