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Subject: Dresden Nuclear Power Station Units 2 and 3
Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2
Piping Operability Criteria
NRC Docket Nos. 237/249 and 254/265

Reference (a): D. Musalf, Northern States Power Company letter
to Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation,
US NRC dated September 26, 1988 transmitting
Generic Criteria for Justification of
Continued Operation

(b): M.J. Virgilio, NRR letter to H.J. Miller Region III
dated October 13, 1988.

Dr. Murley,

The attachment to this letter provides a proposed piping system operability criteria for Dresden and Quad Cities Station. The operability criteria are submitted for NRC staff review and approval. Northern States Power Company submitted similar criteria for the Prairie Island Station in Reference (a) and the proposed criteria were subsequently approved in Reference (b).

The proposed operability criteria will be used to evaluate conditions within a piping system and pipe supports to ensure that the safety-related piping system will continue to operate safely in the event that the piping system is found to exceed current design basis criteria described in the FSAR and UFSAR. The application of the proposed criteria would allow additional time to develop appropriate repairs and/or modifications as well as identify

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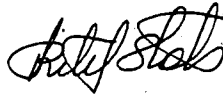
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the root cause and determine appropriate corrective action to prevent recurrence. In the event that the operability criteria is not met, the actions dictated by the appropriate Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation requirement will be implemented. The intent of the operability criteria is to permit interim operation only.

Please direct any questions or comments on the subject to this office.

Very truly yours,



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Attachment: Piping System Operability Criteria for
Commonwealth Edison's Dresden and Quad Cities
Nuclear Generating Stations

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