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Docket No. 50-282

Docket No. 50-306

Northern States Power Company

ATTN: Mr. Leo Wachter

Vice President

Power Production and

System Operation

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Minneapolis, MN 55401

Gentlemen:

This refers to the meeting we held with you and members of your staff in your corporate office on May 1, 1979 and to the inspection conducted by Messrs. C. D. Feierabend, T. D. Daniels and E. R. Swanson of this office on May 1-31, 1979, of activities at the Prairie Island Plant, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. DPF-42 and No. DPR-60 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. F. Tierney and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A. The inspection showed that action had been taken to correct the identified noncompliance and to prevent recurrence. Consequently, no reply to this noncompliance is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows. If the enclosures contain information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, you must apply in writing to this office, within twenty days of your receipt

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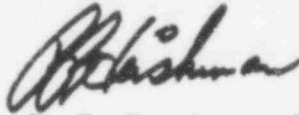
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of this letter, to withhold such information from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons for which the information is considered proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in an enclosure to the application.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



R. F. Heishman, Chief
Reactor Operations and
Nuclear Support Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice
of Violation
2. IE Inspection Reports
No. 50-282/79-13 and
No. 50-306/79-10

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