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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

December 1 , 1979

Mr James G Keppler
Director - Region III
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Mr Keppler:

PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket Nos. 50-282 License Nos. DPR-42
50-306 DPR-60

Response to IE Bulletins 78-12, 78-12A, and 78-12B
dated September 29, 1978, November 24, 1978, and March 19, 1979

IE Bulletin 78-12 described an event which occurred at another facility in which weld wire used in some reactor vessel welds was different than the weld wire called for in the design specifications. We were asked to supply, within 60 days, a variety of information concerning the weld material and procedures used in the fabrication of the Prairie Island vessels. IE Bulletins 78-12A and 78-12B subsequently modified the type of information to be provided and allowed more time to gather and submit it.

In compliance with the subject bulletins, Westinghouse Electric corporation requested Creusot-Loire to conduct a records investigation of the weld materials and procedures used in the fabrication of the Prairie Island vessels. Creusot-Loire has now completed the required investigation and prepared a report entitled, "Certified Records Investigation for NSP and NRP Vessels." This report was submitted to the NRC by Westinghouse on November 30, 1979. The report states that no deviations were found in the welding material used in the Prairie Island vessels.

Westinghouse has reviewed the Creusot-Loire report and has found it to conform to the requirements of the ASME Code, Westinghouse vessel specifications, and the NRC Bulletins.

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As stated in their report, Creusot-Loire has no archive material for the welds included in their investigation. Westinghouse also inventoried their archive weldment material and determined that none is available.

Please contact us if you require additional information concerning our response.

Yours very truly,

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