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Mr. Scott Sharp,
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST – ACCEPTED FOR
REVIEW (EPID NO. L-2019-LLA-0169)

Dear Mr. Sharp:

By letter dated July 26, 2019, Northern States Power Company submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) an amendment request to the Special Nuclear Materials (SNM) license number SNM-2506 for the Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation. The proposed amendment request seeks to increase the storage capacity of the Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation and to approve the design of a new storage pad to be built at the existing facility.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to complete its detailed review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements, and the protection of public health and safety, and the environment. We have established a schedule for this review which allows for the staff to issue a request for additional information (RAI) in March 2020, and to issue its safety evaluation report (SER) in August 2020, based on you responding to the first RAI in May 2020. If no RAI is needed, the staff's SER may be completed earlier. In general, no additional changes to the application should be submitted except for changes resulting from your response to a RAI.

Please reference Docket No. 72-10 and EPID No. L-2019-LLA-0169 in future correspondence related to this licensing action. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-6877.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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