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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

July 10, 1980

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Mr. James G. Keppler
Director, Region III
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

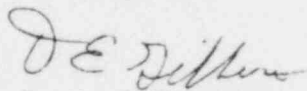
Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306

In response to IE Bulletin No. 80-08, the following is offered:

A complete review of Unit 1 penetration welds revealed two welds with deficiencies. These are butt welds with backing rings which were ultrasonically tested but not radiographed. These welds will be radiographed at the refueling outage scheduled for August 1980.

Review of Unit 2 penetration welds is under way but may not be complete for about three weeks. Review to date of those penetration welds similar to the deficient Unit 1 welds shows that Unit 2 does not have the same deficiencies; and we expect to find no deficiencies in Unit 2. A further response will be sent by August 10, 1980. The fact that our full response will be delayed was communicated to Mr. Tambling of your office on July 7.

Yours truly,


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