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Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
Vice President, Nuclear
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection, conducted by an NRC Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) comprised of personnel from NRC Region III and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation inspection headed by Mr. R. A. Westberg of this office, on December 27, 1989 through January 9, 1990. The purpose of this inspection was to review the circumstances surrounding the Unit 2 reactor trips of December 21 and 26, 1989, at Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. DPR-42 and DPR-60. This also refers to the discussion of our findings with Mr. E. Watzl and others of your staff at the conclusion of the special inspection.

The enclosed copy of our AIT 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.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY ROBERT J. MILLER

H. J. Miller, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure: Inspection Reports
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