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PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
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Supplemental Response to NRC Bulletin 88-09
Thimble Tube Thinning in Westinghouse Reactors

As requested by ^{IE Bulletin} ~~Generic Letter~~ 88-09, "Thimble Tube Thinning in Westinghouse Reactors", the Prairie Island Thimble Tube Inspection Program has been formally implemented by procedure. This program formally implements the informal program described in our October 31, 1988 response to NRC Bulletin 88-09.

In our October 31, 1988 response to NRC Bulletin 88-09 we committed to formalizing our thimble tube inspection program per the requirements of Bulletin 88-09 by December 31, 1989. This completion date was established to allow for the incorporation of the results of the Westinghouse Owners Group Bottom Mounted Instrumentation Program into our program. The formalization of the Prairie Island Thimble Tube Inspection program was delayed to December 31, 1990 by our letter dated December 13, 1989. The delay was the result of delays in completion of the Westinghouse Owners Group Program.

Due to the uncertainty with Westinghouse Owners Group Program schedule, we have decided to formalize our thimble tube inspection program prior to the completion of the Westinghouse Owners Group effort. While a formal program has now been implemented, formal technical justification for the wear criteria and inspection frequency, required by NRC Bulletin 88-09, have not been established. The Westinghouse Owners Group Program, that is expected to provide the required technical justifications, has still not been completed. In lieu of Westinghouse Owners Group guidance, the wear criteria and inspection frequency incorporated into the formal Prairie Island inspection program are the same as those described in our October 31, 1988 response for our informal program. We believe the Prairie Island inspection frequency and wear criteria are very conservative and will be supported by the results of the Westinghouse Owners Group Program.

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Following completion of the Westinghouse Owners Group Program, the results of that program will be reviewed and incorporated into the Prairie Island program as we deem necessary and prudent. The final Prairie Island inspection program will be as or more conservative than the guidance that will be provided by the Westinghouse Owners Group Program.

Reporting requirement 3 of Generic Letter 88-09 requested that following implementation of an inspection program, the licensee confirm that inspections of the thimble tubes have been performed and that appropriate corrective actions were taken. Because Prairie Island had an informal inspection program in place since 1987, confirmation of the performance of inspections and corrective actions was provided by our October 31, 1988 response.

Please contact us if you have any questions related to our response to NRC Bulletin 88-09.



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Attachment

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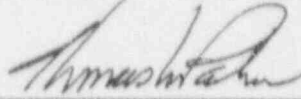
SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO NRC BULLETIN 88-09

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, with this letter is submitting information requested by NRC Bulletin 88-09.

This letter contains no restricted or other defense information.

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By



Thomas M Parker
Manager, Nuclear Support Services

On this 26th day of December, 1990 before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared Thomas M Parker, Manager Nuclear Support Services, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof, and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

