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October 31, 1995

SUBJECT: INDIVIDUAL PLANT EXAMINATION OF EXTERNAL EVENTS FOR NORTHERN STATES'
MONTICELLO AND PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In Mr. Hill's letter dated September 25, 1995, he stated that the Northern States Power Company (NSP) intends to use the modified procedures described in Supplement 5 to Generic Letter (GL) 88-20 for the seismic portion of the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) and will submit the Monticello seismic IPEEE report by November 20, 1995, and the Prairie Island report by December 15, 1996. The letter acknowledged and concurred with the modification described in the generic letter supplement for the focused-scope plants--eliminating the evaluation of reactor internals and soil-related failures, while retaining evaluation of known weak critical components. It is also stated in the letter that the reporting criteria to be used for both plants will be the Safe Shutdown Earthquake (SSE) level of 0.12g.

As conveyed to your staff on October 3, 1995, during a teleconference, the NSP's intention of using the SSE as the reporting criteria for Monticello and Prairie Island is not consistent with the guidelines provided in the generic letter supplement. The specific modifications for focused-scope plants are the elimination of evaluations related to reactor internals and soil-related failures; there is no change to the review level earthquake (RLE). Consequently, the reporting level earthquake for focused-plants remains the same (0.3g) as described in Supplement 4 to GL 88-20.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call us at (301) 415-1392 or (301) 415-1355.

Sincerely,

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