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Mr. E. Watzl, Vice President Nuclear Generation Northern States Power Company 414 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55401

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The enclosed copy of our inspection 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. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. DPR-42 and No. DPR-60 were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. However, as described in the enclosed inspection report, you identified the violations. Therefore, the violations will not be cited because your efforts in identifying and correcting the violations meet the criteria specified in Section VII.B of the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy, 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C).

We noted that a number of events involving configuration control issues have occurred in the last several months, two in particular during this inspection period. We will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of your corrective actions to address configuration control issues during future inspections.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

∅s/Wayne J. Kropp, Chief Wayne J. Kropp, Chief Reactor Projects Section 2A

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cc w/encl: Site General Manager, PINGP John W. Ferman, Ph.D., Nuclear Engineer, MPCA State Liaison Officer, State of Minnesota State Liaison Officer, State of Wisconsin

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