



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

August 5, 1992

Docket Nos. 50-282
and 50-306

Mr. T. M. Parker, Manager
Nuclear Support Services
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Dear Mr. Parker:

SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 -
TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE (TAC NOS. M84124 AND M84215)

On July 27, 1992, you determined that Unit 1 safeguards bus 16 had exceeded the Technical Specification (TS) interval for surveillance testing of its undervoltage logic circuitry. You also determined that Unit 2 would exceed its TS surveillance interval for safeguards bus 26 on August 5, 1992. You then requested a Temporary Waiver of Compliance from TS Surveillance Requirement 4.6.A.3.b.1 for Units 1 and 2. Your request included a discussion of the circumstances leading to the request, safety significance, and compensatory actions. A Waiver of Compliance was verbally granted by the staff at 8:25 p.m. CDT on July 27, 1992.

By letter dated July 29, 1992, you provided written confirmation of the information that the NRC relied upon in granting the July 27th, verbal request for relief. The letter includes a Significant Hazards Consideration Evaluation, Environmental Assessment, compensatory actions and confirmation of Operations Committee review and approval.

The purpose of this letter is to document the NRC approval of your waiver request. You have been granted a Temporary Waiver of Compliance, applicable to Units 1 and 2, to delay the completion of surveillance test requirements specified in TS 4.6.A.3.b.1 until a related emergency license amendment has been issued. The staff's basis for this waiver is (a) the high probability that the source breaker trip feature is indeed functionally operable, and (b) the six compensatory conditions described in your letter. Our Safety Evaluation is enclosed.

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This Temporary Waiver of Compliance will remain in effect until the staff issues a follow-up license amendment.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

John A. Zwolinski, Assistant Director
for Region III Reactors
Division of Reactor Projects - III/IV/V
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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As stated

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