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Mr. M. Wadley, Vice President
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-282/97018(DRP); 50-306/97018(DRP) FOR
PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

Dear Mr. Wadley:

On October 21, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear
Generating Plant. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities at the
Prairie Island facility was generally conservative and safe. Operators performed two reactor
shutdowns and one startup in a orderly manner with no significant problems. Only minor
problems were noted in other activities.

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 (PDR).

Sincerely,

/s/ Geoffrey E. Grant

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
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State Liaison Officer, State
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