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July 10, 1998

SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF LICENSING ACTION FOR GENERIC LETTER 97-04,  
"ASSURANCE OF SUFFICIENT NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD FOR  
EMERGENCY CORE COOLING AND CONTAINMENT HEAT REMOVAL  
PUMPS," DATED OCTOBER 7, 1997: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR  
GENERATING PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MA0032 AND MA0033)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On October 7, 1997, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 97-04 to all holders of operating licenses or construction permits. The NRC issued GL 97-04 to confirm the adequacy of the net positive suction head (NPSH) available for emergency core cooling (including core spray and decay heat removal) and containment heat removal pumps under all design-basis accident scenarios.

In response to GL 97-04, you provided letters dated October 23, 1997, and January 5, 1998, for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Unit 1 and 2. In response to a request for additional information dated May 19, 1998, you submitted a letter on June 15, 1998. These submittals provided the information requested by GL 97-04. The staff has reviewed your response and has concluded that all requested information has been provided; therefore we consider GL 97-04 closed for your facility.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1355.

Sincerely,

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