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November 8, 1999

Mr. M. Wadley
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND INSPECTION REPORT 50-282/99013(DRP);
50-306/99013(DRP)

Dear Mr. Wadley:

On October 13, 1999, the NRC completed a baseline inspection at your Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The results of this inspection were discussed on October 13, 1999, with Mr. J. Sorensen and other members of your staff. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

The inspection was an examination by the resident inspectors and senior reactor analysts of activities conducted under your license as they relate to reactor safety, identification and resolution of problems, verification of performance indicators, event followup, and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC identified three issues of very low safety significance that have been entered into your corrective action program and are discussed in the summary of findings and in the body of the attached report. One of these issues was determined to involve a violation of NRC requirements. Because of its very low safety significance, the violation was not cited. If you contest this noncited violation, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector the Prairie Island facility.

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Sincerely,

/s/ R. Lanksbury
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50-306/90013(DRP)

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