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SUBJECT: LA CROSSE BOILING WATER REACTOR – ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF THE LACROSSE SOLUTIONS LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED CONFORMING ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE AMENDMENT TO TRANSFER THE OPERATING LICENSE TO THE DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE (CAC NO. 000083; EPID-L-2018-LNS-0002)

Dear Mr. Sauger:

By letter dated June 27, 2018 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML18184A444), LaCrosse*Solutions*, LLC (LS) and the Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) requested NRC approval to transfer LS's Possession Only License No. DPR-45 for the La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor (LACBWR) to DPC. Following approval of the proposed license transfer, DPC would acquire full ownership of the facility, similar to what existed before the June 1, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16123A049), license transfer to LS.

The proposed amendment would reflect that LS's licensed possession, maintenance, and decommissioning authorities have been transitioned back to DPC upon completion of decommissioning activities at the LACBWR site. Thereafter, DPC will maintain the onsite independent spent fuel storage installation, and the ultimate disposition of the spent nuclear fuel will be provided for under the terms of DPC's Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High Level Waste with the U.S. Department of Energy. DPC will also continue to maintain its nuclear decommissioning trust, a grantor trust in which funds are segregated from its assets and outside its administrative control.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC's acceptance review of the submittal. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of this request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed

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technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3178 or via e-mail at <u>marlayna.vaaler@nrc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos.: 50-409 and 72-046 License No.: DPR-45

cc: La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor Service List

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