



Northern States Power Company

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Generic Letter 96-06

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

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April 12, 2000 Commitment Revision (TAC NO. M96835)

References:

1. Letter from B. D. Day, NSP, to US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Document Control Desk, "Generic Letter 96-06 Commitment Revision (TAC NO. M96835)," August 12, 1999

The purpose of this letter is to update the Monticello status of, and revise our August 12, 1999 commitment to Generic Letter 96-06, "Assurance of Equipment Operability and Containment Integrity During Design-Basis Accident Conditions." In Reference 1, NSP made the following commitment:

"Monticello will install higher pressure rated devices or upgrade certification of existing devices to resolve the margin concern identified by NSP's January 28, 1997 submittal for the instrument air/alternate N₂ system prior to startup from the 2000 refueling outage. During the 2001 refueling outage, the RHR Shutdown cooling inboard isolation valve will be replaced with a new double disc gate valve that self relieves. The 2000 refueling outage is currently scheduled for January 2000 and the 2001 outage for May 2001."

During the 2000 refueling outage, the instrument air/alternate N₂ system modifications were completed as committed.

NSP wishes to inform the NRC of our intent to modify the commitment to replace the RHR Shutdown cooling inboard isolation valve. NSP has determined that a more appropriate resolution on the RHR line is to install a bypass line with a check valve to allow flow from between the Shutdown cooling isolation valves around the inboard isolation valve and back to the primary system. The bypass line will provide equivalent resolution of the GL 96-06 overpressure issue and

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has the advantage of substantially less personnel radiation exposure than the larger valve replacement project. The bypass line will be installed during the 2001 outage as previously committed.

Therefore, our August 12, 1999 commitment is modified to the following:

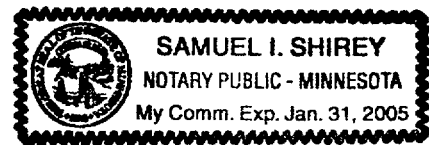
"During the 2001 refueling outage, a bypass will be installed around the RHR Shutdown cooling inboard isolation valve. The 2001 refueling outage is currently scheduled for fall 2001."

Please contact Sam Shirey, Sr. Licensing Engineer, at (612) 295-1449 if you require additional information related to this request.

by Byron D. Day
Byron D. Day
Plant Manager
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

On this 12th day of April, 2000, before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared Byron D. Day, Plant Manager, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof, and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

Samuel I. Shirey
Samuel I. Shirey
Notary Public - Minnesota
Sherburne County
My Commission Expires January 31, 2005



c: Regional Administrator - III, NRC
NRR Project Manager, NRC
Sr. Resident Inspector, NRC
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