

June 30, 2000

Mr. M. Wadley
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Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear Mr. Wadley:

This is to notify you of a change from our letter dated September 6, 1999, where we confirmed that your staff would develop the Monticello initial licensing examination. Per the telephone discussion between Mr. Dell McNeil and Mr. Michael Mitchell on June 19, 2000, the examination tentatively scheduled during the week of June 4, 2001, will be developed by the NRC.

The NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations the week of May 14, 2001.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of NUREG-1021, ES-201 by October 9, 2000. Any delay in receiving the required reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Mitchell has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. Dell McNeil at 630-829-9737.

Sincerely,

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