

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant 2807 West County Road 75 Monticello, MN 55362-9637

Operated by Nuclear Management Company LLC

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Implementation of Revised 10 CFR 50.59

The effective date for the revised 10 CFR 50.59, was established in a December 13, 2000, Federal Register notice (65 FR 77773), as March 13, 2001. As discussed in Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-03, dated January 23, 2001, the NRC has stated that to permit an orderly transition to the revised rule, licensees may implement the rule later than this date. Although an exemption is not necessary, the RIS recommended that licensees communicate their implementation plan to the NRC. We intend to implement the revised requirements of 10 CFR 50.59 on April 20, 2001. Monticello will follow the new rule requirements for evaluations begun after April 20, 2001, but will finish other evaluations under the old process.

This implementation plan will allow adequate time to prepare the necessary procedure changes and train the plant staff.

Please contact Sam Shirey, Sr. Licensing Engineer, at (763) 295-1449 if you require further information related to this request.

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