

May 26, 2004

Mr. T. Palmisano
Site Vice President
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
2807 West County Road 75
Monticello, MN 55362-9637

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE MAY 20, 2004, MEETING WITH MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT TO DISCUSS MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT PERFORMANCE

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

On May 20, 2004, a public meeting was held at the Monticello Community Center, between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant staff. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss NRC's assessment of Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant's performance for the period of January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003.

During the NRC presentation, an overall assessment of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant's performance was provided. As explained in the Annual Assessment letter from NRC to you dated March 4, 2004, (ADAMS accession number ML040641176), Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety, and fully met all cornerstone objectives. Following our presentation, you stated that Monticello is firmly focused on plant safety, and the site will strive for operational excellence. You also provided key focus areas for Monticello including continued improvements in the corrective action program, correcting issues identified during engineering inspections, improving emergency preparedness, and meeting deadlines and commitments associated with the security order.

Before adjourning the meeting, the NRC provided the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions. No comments were received from the public during the public meeting.

The meeting attendance list is enclosed. The slides presented by the NRC are available in ADAMS (accession number MI041470134). Please contact me at (630) 829-9629, if there are any questions you have about this meeting.

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Sincerely,

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Bruce L. Burgess, Chief
Branch 2
Division of Reactor Projects

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and Chief Nuclear Officer
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
J. Rogoff, Vice President, Counsel, and Secretary
Nuclear Asset Manager, Xcel Energy, Inc.
Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health
R. Nelson, President
Minnesota Environmental Control Citizens
Association (MECCA)
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List of Attendees

NRC

Bruce Burgess -	Chief, DRP, Branch 2
Stephen Burton-	Monticello Senior Resident Inspector
Robert Orlikowski-	Monticello Resident Inspector

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Tom Palmisano-	Site Vice President
Jack Purkis-	Plant Manager
Eric Sopkin-	Engineering Director
Ron Baumer-	Compliance Engineer
Brad Sawatzke-	Performance Assessment Manager
Allen Williams-	Manager of Projects
Kelli Huxford-	Communication Manager
Doug Neve-	Regulatory Affairs Manager

Public

Tim Donakowski-	Heath Physicist, Minnesota Department of Health
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