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REGION III
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December 22, 2008

LICENSEE: Northern States Power Company, Minnesota

FACILITY: Prairie Island and Monticello Nuclear Generating Plants

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2008, PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
RECENT PLANT PERFORMANCE ISSUES AT THE PRAIRIE ISLAND AND
MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANTS

On December 17, 2008, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) officials attended a public meeting at the Monticello Community Center in Monticello, Minnesota. This meeting, held at the licensee's request, was hosted and conducted by the licensee. The purpose of the meeting was for Xcel Energy and Northern States Power Company representatives to discuss recent human performance issues at both the Prairie Island and Monticello Nuclear Generating Plants, and to present their assessment of recent issues and improvement initiatives.

Xcel Energy Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, Mr. Dennis Koehl, began the meeting with an introduction of his staff, and also briefly explained the purpose of the meeting and the reasons for the NRC invitation. The NRC Region III Administrator, Mr. James Caldwell, then introduced the NRC attendees and acknowledged the licensee's invitation and NRC interest in the licensee's presentation topics. A list of principal meeting attendees can be found in the attached enclosure.

The licensee-led presentation began with an overview of the results from human performance focused self-assessments recently conducted by an independent contractor at both Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants. Monticello's Site Vice President, Mr. Timothy O'Connor, presented Monticello-specific items and improvement initiatives, and Prairie Island's Site Vice President, Mr. Michael Wadley, briefly presented Prairie Island-specific initiatives. Throughout this portion of the presentation, several members of Monticello's management team in the general audience provided specific examples of where improvement plan initiatives were being enacted at the facility. Mr. Mark Reddemann, Xcel Energy Operations Support Vice President, presented corporate initiatives related to the focused self-assessment results. Finally, Mr. Koehl summarized the licensee presentation and Mr. Caldwell provided closing remarks.

The licensee's meeting presentations can be found in ADAMS at ML083570327 and ML083570330.

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At the end of the meeting, members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions of NRC officials.

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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

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Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Commerce
Manager - Environmental Protection Division, Minnesota Attorney General's Office
Chairman, Wright County Board
Mayor of Monticello
Chairperson, Sherburne County
Administrator, City of Monticello
G. Mortensen, INPO

Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant

cc: M. Wadley, Site Vice President
Tribal Council, Prairie Island Indian Community
Administrator, Goodhue County Courthouse
Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Commerce
Manager, Environmental Protection Division
Office of the Attorney General of Minnesota
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Dakota County Law Enforcement Center
Council Administrator
President, Prairie Island Tribal Council
Goodhue County Sheriff
Director, Pierce County Emergency Management Agency
Chair, Pierce County Board of Commissioners
Chair, Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Mayor of Red Wing
Director, Goodhue County Emergency Management Agency
Chair, Goodhue County Board of Commissioners
Pierce County Sheriff
Dakota County Sheriff

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Xcel Energy/Northern States Power Company

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M. Reddemann, Operations Support Vice President
T. O'Connor, Monticello Site Vice President
M. Wadley, Prairie Island Site Vice President

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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Other Attendees

APR Consulting
Arthur Rone, consultant

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