March 8, 2011

Mr. Timothy J. O'Connor
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Northern States Power Company, Minnesota
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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2010-025

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether a contract individual at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant deliberately violated licensee requirements and procedures by failing to perform an action on February 6, 2010. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate the allegation. The synopsis from the OI Report of Investigation is enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact an NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinator by calling (800) 522-3025. The NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinators are Jim Heller, Paul Pelke, Magdalena Gryglak, and Sarah Bakhsh.

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Sincerely,

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Steven A. Reynolds, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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