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Wonticello, WN 55362

October 8, 1976

Wr. J. G. Keppler, Director Region III Office of Inspection and Enforcement United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission 799 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

MONTICELLO MUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

During power operation near 100% on October 7, 1976, No. 3 TIP ball valve failed to automatically close properly during routine operation of the TIP System. The valve was cycled manually and it closed successfully. No. 3 TIP is presently held out of service with the ball valve closed pending further investigation.

Yours very truly,

L. R. Eliason Plant Manager

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cc: Director, Office of Management Information & Program Control

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Winnesota Pollution Control Agency

Attn: J W Ferman

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October 20, 1976

Mr J G Keppler, Director, Region III
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U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Mr Keppler:

On October 8, 1976, it was reported to your office that No. 3 TIP ball valve failed to automatically close during routine operation of the TIP System and that further investigation would be made.

Investigation during the period October 11-13, 1976, has confirmed that the valve did not fail to close properly, but rather that cold solder connections on pins in the connecting plug attached to the valve/switch body resulted in incorrect remote position indication.

This occurrence is therefore not considered reportable. Licensee Event Report will be issued and the Event Number assigned at the time (M-RO-76-21) will not be re-used.

Yours very truly,

L. O. Mayo

L O Mayer, PE

Manager of Nuclear Support Services

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cc: Director, MIPC, USNRC

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