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FROM (Name and unit) G. Fiorelli RO:III		REMARKS Attached is a copy of licensee's reply dated January 10, 1974, to RO Bulletin 73-6.		
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January 10, 1974

Mr James G Keppler
Regional Director
United Atomic Energy Commission
Directorate of Regulatory Operations
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Dear Mr Keppler:

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

The actions requested in Directorate of Regulatory Operations Bulletin No. 73-6 have been completed. The status of items identified in the bulletin is listed below:

1. Procedural Review

a. Control Rod Drive Operating and Testing Procedures

The review of control rod drive operating and testing procedures has been completed. Procedures were found to exist for all operations and tests. Prerequisites requiring testing of interlocks and protection features were found to be included. The test procedures do demonstrate compliance with Technical Specification requirements and design bases. However, it is felt that improvements can be made in the format and organization of the procedures. Also, methods of coordinating operations and tests can be improved to provide better administration control. Our objective is to complete these improvements within the next three months.

b. Bypass Installation Procedures (Jumpers or Lifting of Leads)

Administrative procedures for control of electrical and mechanical bypasses or jumpers were reviewed by the plant Operations Committee

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and incorporated into the Operations Manual prior to the issuance of the provisional operating license. In the fall of 1970, additional procedures, discussions, and reviews (as discussed in our October 23, 1970, letter to the Regional Director of Region III, Division of Compliance, USAEC) resulted from the discovery, by plant personnel, of several instances when refueling interlocks had been improperly bypassed. Additional administrative requirements are presently being considered for incorporation into the formal system of administrative controls. As previously stated in our letter of December 28, 1973, it is our objective to have the remaining portions of the formal program for Monticello developed, and issued, on or about March 15, 1974.

c. Radiation Protection Procedures

All procedures for access control and personnel accountability are current.

d. Shift Transition Procedure (Turnover)

Shift change practices were documented in August, 1972, at the request of the AEC Management Audit Team. These practices include the requirement for each on duty operator to verbally communicate a summary of plant status before leaving, and for each oncoming operator to immediately inspect and log the status of his areas of responsibility. Based on our operating experience and audits of shift change practices, it is felt that the actual communication of safety related conditions via log entries, verbal communications, memos, and other status records, is being properly and conservatively performed.

Administrative requirements relating to shift change practices are presently under consideration for incorporation into the formal system of administrative controls. This will provide a more formal and explicit documentation of our present practices. Specific requirements for communicating off-normal conditions that are safety related, or, which involve safety related equipment, will be included.

2. Management Controls

It is felt that existing procedures and management control processes adequately provide for qualified reviews and approvals of temporary circuitry changes and temporary off-normal plant conditions. Also, it is felt that these procedures and processes are understood by the station staff and are being properly implemented.

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- Development of the normal system of administrative controls will provide further assurance that responsibilities and requirements applicable to the review and approval, installation, verification, removal and subsequent testing of temporary circuit changes and off-normal plant conditions are clearly delineated.
3. Licensed Operator Performance
In accordance with Section 50.54 of 10CFR50 and the letter of August 22, 1973 from the Directorate of Licensing to Mr A V Dienhart of Northern States Power Company, an Operator Requalification Program for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant was drafted and submitted to the Directorate of Licensing for review and approval on December 17, 1973. As discussed in the Operator Requalification Program, seminars or discussion periods for the operators are scheduled on or off shift to supplement the pre-planned lecture series. The seminars or discussion periods keep the operators currently knowledgeable of plant activities related to the safe operation of the plant and provide training for infrequent, complex, or unusual significant activities.

Yours very truly,

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