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SUBJECT: RO:on 800311,w/reactor mode switch in refuel position,rod withdrawal block was not received when refueling bridge was over core.Caused by maladjusted actuating arm of limit switch,which opens when bridge is over core.

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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
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March 11, 1980

Mr. J. G. Keppler, Director
Region III
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
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Dear Mr. Keppler:

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

At 0605 on Sunday, March 9, 1980, it was discovered that a rod withdrawal block was not received when the refueling bridge was over the core (reactor mode switch in REFUEL position). This is less conservative than the least conservation aspect of the limiting condition for operation established in Technical Specification 3.10.A.

Refueling operations were immediately stopped. Investigation revealed that the actuating arm of the limit switch which opens when the bridge is over the core, was out of adjustment, preventing the switch from operating correctly. The limit switch was properly adjusted and the actuating arm reset. Interlocks were tested prior to resuming refueling.

Yours very truly,

M. R. Eliason / For LRE

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Letter sent by telecopy to Keppler.

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