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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

July 17, 1980

Mr. James G. Keppler  
Director, Region III  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Mr. Keppler:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
Docket No. 50-263  
Additional Response to IE Bulletin 80-17

The following information is submitted in response to IE Bulletin 80-17:

Item 4

The plant Engineering staff completed a review of applicable emergency operating procedures and issued appropriate revisions on July 11, 1980. The revised procedures include the actions listed in items 4 (a-d) of the Bulletin. The revised procedures were also reviewed by the General Electric Company site representative.

Instructions were issued to the on-duty shift operators to review the revised procedures prior to July 13, 1980. Copies of the Bulletin were distributed to the on-duty shift operators prior to July 13, 1980. Operators not on duty during this time period will be required to review the Bulletin and procedures promptly when they again report for duty.

Item 5

Six consecutive daily tests were completed on July 9, 1980, with no detectable residue water found. A weekly surveillance test procedure was then issued and scheduled. This procedure was performed on July 14, 1980, with no water detected. On July 15, daily testing was again initiated in response to verbal instructions from the resident NRC inspector. No water has been detected.

Item 6a

The requirements for prompt notification were made known verbally to various key members of plant management, including on-duty shift supervisors, on July 3, 1980. On July 7, 1980, further dissemination of this requirement was accomplished by issuance of a management memo to all shift supervisors and operators.

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It is our intent to continue this reporting requirement until completion of the scram tests required by item 2 of the Bulletin. If those tests disclose no significant problems we intend to revert to reporting in accordance with Technical Specification requirements.

Item 6b

This requirement was made known verbally to the on-duty shift crews on July 3, 1980. On July 9, 1980, procedure revisions were issued to require operation of all available suppression pool cooling whenever the normal pool temperature limit is exceeded.

Item 6c

The SLC system at Monticello was not designed for simultaneous operation of the two pumps. Unresolved questions exist concerning possible high discharge pressure, discharge relief valve cycling, and NPSH requirements. Also it is not possible to operate both pumps simultaneously without control modifications. Therefore, we cannot conclude that two pump operation is safe.

Yours truly,



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Vice President  
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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY  
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LETTER DATED JULY 17, 1980  
RESPONDING TO NRC REQUEST  
FOR INFORMATION IN IE BULLETIN NO. 80-17

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, by this letter dated July 17, 1980, hereby submits information in response to NRC request for information concerning IE Bulletin No. 80-17.

This request contains no restricted or other defense information.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

By: *D. E. Gilberts*  
D. E. Gilberts  
Vice President  
Power Production

On this 17 th day of July, 1980, before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared D. E. Gilberts, Vice President Power Production, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof and that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

