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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

October 22, 1979

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

Response to IE Bulletin No. 79-23, dated September 12, 1979

IE Bulletin No. 79-23 specified actions to be taken to avoid potential excitation power transformer damage or failure and required a written report concerning these actions within 45 days. It has been determined that no connections, either direct or through common grounding, exist between the neutral of the generator and the neutral of the primary windings of the excitation power transformer. Therefore, no corrective actions are necessary. We plan to complete a sustained full-load operation test of the Emergency Diesel Generators prior to December 31, 1979.

Please contact the plant directly if you require additional information concerning our response.

Yours very truly,

L. J. Wachter

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Vice President - Power Production
and System Operation

cc: Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Washington, D.C.
Mr. G. Charnoff

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