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Northern States Power Company

Docket No. 50-263

ATTN: Mr. Leo Wachter

Vice President

Power Production and

System Operation

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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated September 11, 1975, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the items of noncompliance which we brought to your attention in our letter dated August 29, 1975. We will examine these matters during a subsequent inspection.

We have referred your request dated September 22, 1975, for withholding information contained in Inspection Report No. 050-263/75-13 from public disclosure, which you and your contractors believe to be proprietary, to our Headquarters for evaluation. Distribution of the report and your reply to the items of noncompliance will be delayed until the evaluation is completed.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Gaston Fiorelli, Chief
Reactor Operations Branch

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September 11, 1975

Mr. Gaston Fiorelli, Chief
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U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Fiorelli:

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

Your letter of August 29, 1975, identified two items which appeared to be deviations from commitments made by Northern States Power Co., and requested that we advise you in writing, within 20 days, of the corrective action we have taken or plan to take, showing the estimated date of completion. This letter is submitted in response to that request.

The items were:

- "1. Contrary to Section 8 of the FSAR as implemented by Bechtel Dwg M-636, Revision 0 issued for construction on February 13, 1970, several of the cable penetrations between the cable spreading room and the control room are sealed with styrofoam instead of the specified polyurethane.
2. Contrary to the commitment made in their response to IE Bulletin No. 75-04A, dated June 30, 1975, the licensee has not performed a review of fire detection sensor and fire hose station locations to verify adequate coverage of all areas where a fire would have a high safety significance."

The cable penetrations containing styrofoam will be resealed during the current refueling outage which is scheduled for completion October 15, 1975.

It is our opinion that the identification of item 2 above as a deviation was inappropriate and unnecessary. It is often impossible to know in advance that a schedule will not be met. The fact that our original schedule was not met due to unexpected demands on the availability of key personnel was reported

in the August 25, 1975, monthly summary report requested by IE Bulletin 75-04A. We feel that report was timely and sufficient. The subject review was subsequently completed on August 29, 1975.

Yours very truly,

L. J. Wachter

L. J. Wachter, Vice President
Power Production & System Operation

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