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MINNEAPOLIS, M.NINESOTA 55401

December 14, 1977

Mr Victor Stello, Director
Division of Operating Reactors
c/o Distribution Services Branch, DDC, ADM
U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr Stello:

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

Information Required for NRC Review of Inservice
Inspection and Testing Program and Requests for Relief from
ASME Code Section XI Requirements

The inservice inspection testing requirements for nuclear power plant components delineated in 10CFR50, Section 50.55a, were changed by a revision to the Regulations published on February 27, 1976. As a result of this revision, Northern States Power Company must comply with the examination and testing requirements contained in current editions of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

In a letter dated November 24, 1976 from Mr D L Ziemann, Chief Operating Reactors Branch No. 2, USNRC, Northern States Power Company was advised of the procedure to follow in implementing the revisions to 10CFR50, Section 50.55a. This letter requested the submission of a description of our planned inservice inspection and testing program and requests for relief from ASME Code requirements.

The attached report entitled, "ASME Code Section XI Inservice Inspection and Testing Program Beginning February 28, 1978 and Information Required for NRC Review of Requests for Relief from ASME Code Section XI Requirements", provides all of the information requested in your November 24, 1977 letter with the exception of:

- a) Identification of components to be subjected to leakage, hydrostatic and pressure tests
- c) Identification of Quality Group C components to be visually inspected

It is our intention to supply this information in the form of system drawings showing Quality Group boundaries. No specific list of Quality Group C

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components (including supports and hangers) will be submitted. We believe these drawings will be sufficiently detailed for your review of our Quality Group C Program.

We are required to implement this program on February 28, 1978. To permit us to meet this schedule, we ask that you complete review of the attached report as soon as possible and issue the necessary Technical Specification changes requested in our License Amendment Request dated August 30, 1977.

Yours very truly,

L O Mayer, PE

Manager of Nuclear Support Services

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cc: J G Keppler

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Attachment