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Mr. L. O. Mayer, Manager Nuclear Support Services Northern States Power Company 414 Nicollet Mall - 8th Floor Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Subject: Reactor Coolant System Vents, (NUREG-0737, Item II.B.1),

Request For Additional Information

Re: Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

We have completed a preliminary review of your submittal regarding TMI Action Plan Item II.B.1 Reactor Coolant System (RCS) High Point Vents. The additional information identified in the attachment is required to complete our review for your facility. Please supply this information within 60 days of the date of this, letter.

We are currently in the process of reviewing the technical merit of the proposed operating guidelines for RCS vent usage. We recommend that any future questions in this area be resolved generically through the Owners Groups. Specific plant procedures will be reviewed against the approved guidelines as needed in the future, but not necessarily prior to design approval.

The reporting and/or recordkeeping requirement contained in this letter are approved under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0065 which expires May 31, 1983.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #2 Division of Licensing

Enclosure: As stated

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MONTICELLO

1. Besides the reactor coolant system, identify any other systems, required to maintain adequate core cooling, in which the collection of a large amount of noncondensible gas would cause the loss of function of these systems. For any identified system, provide information concerning the capability of remote venting of these systems to satisfy the requirements of NUREG-0737 Item II.B.I.