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Implementation of NUREG-0737, Item II.K.3.18, ADS Logic Modifications

The purpose of this letter is to provide, for NRC Staff review and approval, our proposal for plant modifications to meet the requirements of NUREG-0737, Item II.K.3.18.

In our letter dated July 29, 1983 we reported that the two BWR Owners' Group options found acceptable by the NRC Staff for modifying the Automatic Depressurization System (ADS) logic could not be implemented at Monticello or other BWR-3 plants. These plants have a low reactor pressure start interlock for the low pressure emergency core cooling system (ECCS) pumps. General Electric was requested to investigate this issue and recommend an alternative modification.

General Electric has completed their investigation and has recommended modifications to the start logic of the low pressure ECCS pumps to permit either of the two ADS logic modifications approved by the NRC to be implemented. The recommended modifications are described in General Electric Report AE-06-0184, Rev 1, July, 1984, "Modification of ECCS Pump Start Logic" which is provided as Attachment 1.

Northern States Power Company has chosen to implement Option 2B described in AE-06-0184. A detailed analysis to determine bypass timer setting has been performed by General Electric and is described in General Electric Report AE-79-0884, August 29, 1984, "Bypass Timer Calculation for the ADS/ECCS Modification for Monticello" which is provided as Attachment 2.

We propose the implementation of Option 2B described in Attachment 1 with the 20-minute bypass timer setting supported by the analysis in Attachment 2. The modification will be scheduled for our next refueling outage planned for early 1986 if it is found acceptable to the NRC.

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Please contact us if you have any questions related to our proposed modification. To permit us to complete this work during the 1986 refueling outage, NRC review and approval of the option we have chosen is requested by November 1, 1985.

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Attachments