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CMDOF computer program.

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Additional Information Related to Computer Program CMDOF

The purpose of this letter is to provide, for the information of the NRC Staff, information related to the CMDOF computer program used in the Mark I Containment Program analyses at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

At a meeting with the NRC Staff and their consultants on August 9 - 10, 1984 a number of questions related to the Mark I Containment Program were discussed. All issues were resolved at this meeting with the exception of verification of the computer program CMDOF (Coupling of Multiple Degrees of Freedom) used in the large bore torus attached piping analysis procedure.

Because of remaining NRC Staff questions related to CMDOF, Northern States Power Company authorized NUTECH Engineers to complete an evaluation which compares results developed using CMDOF with strain gauge data collected during the 1980 Monticello supplementary safety/relief valve tests. The results of this comparison are reported in the attached NUTECH report entitled, "Comparison of NUTECH Coupled Analysis Proceedure Results with Monticello SRV Test Strain Gauge Data," NSP-16-101, February, 1985.

As noted in the attached report, it was found that the NUTECH coupled analysis procedure, utilizing the CMDOF computer program to perform the coupling portion of the analysis, provides a significant amount of inherent conservatism.

Please contact us if you have any questions relating to the attached report. It should be noted that NRC Staff questions relating to use of CMDOF are also applicable to other Mark I utilities using the services of NUTECH as the

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engineering consultant for the Mark I Containment Program. The attached report may be used in resolving questions related to CMDOF for these utilities also.

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