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In the Matter of Northern States Power Company Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit 1 Docket No. 50-263

Gentlemen:

The NRC Staff is in receipt of the Licensing Board's order of May 11, 1978 extending the date for filing of MECCA and Steve Gadler's response to the "Joint Motion to Terminate Proceeding" until May 30, 1978. We are also in receipt of the Licensee's May 9, 1973 response to the MECCA-Gadler extendsion request, which apparently was not received by the Board prior to the entry of its order. The Licensee therein requested the Board to establish a date for a prehearing conference for shortly after the expiration of the extended response period. The Staff jo\$ns in this request. Since, however, the undersigned will be unavailable from June 1 - June 9, 1978, the Staff respectfully requests that the prehearing conference be scheduled for a date after June 12, 1978.

Sincerely,

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