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Northern States Power Company
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Gentlemen:

As specified in the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines, we have requested Federal, State, and local agencies to comment in connection with the Draft Environmental Statement for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

The enclosure to this letter contains comments from the Department of Agriculture dated July 12, 1972.

Please review these comments and submit any responses you deem appropriate by July 31, 1972. Your reply should consist of three signed originals and 40 additional copies.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
 Daniel R. Muller

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Enclosure:
 Dept. of Agriculture Comments

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