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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 State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, dated August 23, 1972. Due to this letter being misdirected to another agency, it was not delivered to our agency until September 8, 1972.

Please review these comments and submit any responses you deem appropriate by September 14, 1972. Your reply should consist of three signed originals and 40 additional copies.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
 Daniel R. Muller

D. R. Muller, Assistant Director
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Enclosure:
 As stated

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

Dear Mr. Merritt:

A proceeding upon the application of Northern States Power Company (the Applicant) for a conversion of its present Provisional Operating License for its Monticello facility to a Full-Term License is currently in process. (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is a party to that proceeding.) Under § 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (FWPCA), MPCA as the cognizant agency of the State of Minnesota, must issue a certification that the discharge from the Monticello facility into the navigable waters (the Mississippi River) will comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 306, and 307 of the FWPCA.

On March 6, 1973 MPCA issued a certification under Section 401(a)(1) of the FWPCA, relative to the discharge from the Monticello facility, which stated that "there is not an applicable effluent limitation or other limitation under Sections 301(b) and 302, and there is not an applicable standard under sections 306 and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act". Since the issuance of the above certification, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has promulgated "Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category Effluent Guidelines and Standards" pursuant to, among others, Sections 301, 306, and 307 of the FWPCA. (39 F.R. 36186, October 8, 1974).

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As a result of this intervening issuance of applicable effluent limitations, we are, pursuant to § 401(a)(3) of the FWPCA, requesting MPCA to recertify whether the discharge from the Monticello facility will be in accordance with presently applicable limitations.

Sincerely,

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