



Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant  
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Clarification to Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant's 60-Day Response to NRC Request for Information Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) Regarding the Seismic Aspects of Recommendation 2.1 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident

References:

1. NRC Letter, "Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident," dated March 12, 2012, ADAMS Accession No. ML12053A340.
2. Federal Register, Vol. 78, No. 38, Tuesday, February 26, 2013, pp. 13097-13099.
3. Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) letter to NRC, "Proposed Path Forward for NTTF Recommendation 2.1: Seismic Reevaluations," dated April 9, 2013, ADAMS Accession No. ML13101A379.
4. Letter to NRC, "MNGP's Response to NRC Request for Information Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) Regarding the Seismic Aspects of Recommendation 2.1 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident," dated April 29, 2013, ADAMS Accession No. ML13119A460.

On March 12, 2012, the NRC Staff issued Reference 1 to all NRC power reactor licensees and holders of construction permits in active or deferred status. Enclosure 1 of Reference 1 contains specific Requested Actions, Requested Information, and Required Responses associated with Near-Term Task Force (NTTF) Recommendation

2.1, Seismic Evaluations. Enclosure 1 of Reference 1 requested each licensee, within 60 days of the date of the NRC's issuance of guidance on screening and prioritization criteria, and the implementation details of the risk assessment, to submit: (1) its intention to follow the NRC-developed guidance, or (2) an alternative approach, including acceptance criteria. NRC issued an endorsement letter of the guidance in Reference 2. Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy (NSPM), on behalf of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant timely submitted its 60-day response letter on April 29, 2013 (Reference 4).

The purpose of this letter is to affirm that NSPM's Reference 4 response fully intended to relate that NSPM intends to follow the approach described in the NEI letter of Reference 3. To clarify the Reference 4 response, NSPM intends to respond to Enclosure 1 of Reference 1 by following the approach described in Reference 3 on the schedule provided in Reference 3.

If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact Lynne Gunderson, Licensing Engineer, at 612-396-0173.

#### Summary of Commitments

This letter makes no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 12, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Schimmel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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