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Subject: Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant - Acceptance Review re: Request to Revise TSSR 3.5.1.3.b to Correct Alternate Nitrogen System Pressure (TAC No. MF6704)

Dear Mr. Loeffler:

By letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated September 2, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML15246A530), Northern States Power Company – Minnesota, doing business as Xcel Energy, Inc., submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (MNGP). The LAR proposes to revise the Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 3.5.1.3.b to change the MNGP alternate nitrogen system pressure required for operability to ≥ 1060 psig, rather than the ≥ 410 psig currently stated in the surveillance requirement.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the final results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed change. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that there appears to be sufficient technical information, both in scope and depth, to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the LAR in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment.

If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

Should you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at (301) 415-3049.

Sincerely,

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