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September 15, 2016

Mr. Peter A. Gardner
Site Vice President
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Northern States Power Company-Minnesota (NSPM)
2807 West County Road 75
Monticello, MN 55362-9637

SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - REQUEST FOR
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(CAC NO. MF5002)

Dear Mr. Gardner:

By letter dated August 4, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16221A273), you submitted affidavits dated July 13, 2016, executed by Thomas E. Ryan, AREVA Inc. (AREVA), requesting that the information contained in the following documents be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

AREVA document, ANP-3435, Revision 2, "AREVA Responses to RAI-8 and RAI-32 from SRXB and SNPB on MNGP EFW LAR"

AREVA document, ANP-3274P, Revision 2, "Analytical Methods for Monticello ATWS-I"

AREVA document, ANP-3284P, Revision 1, "Results of Analysis and Benchmarking of Methods for Monticello ATWS-I"

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (b) Use of the information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.
- (c) The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for AREVA.
- (d) The information reveals certain distinguishing aspects of a process, methodology, or component, the exclusive use of which provides a competitive advantage for AREVA in product optimization or marketability.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of the statements in the affidavit, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

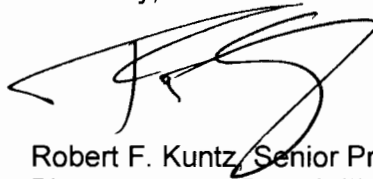
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Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-3733.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Kuntz', written over a horizontal line.

Robert F. Kuntz, Senior Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch III-1
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