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Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Leo Wachter, Vice President
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Docket No. 50-263

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. Johnson and Choules or this office on July 16 - 18, 1974, of activities at the Monticello plant authorized by AEC Operating License DPR-22, and to the discussion of our findings with Messrs. Larson, Clarity, and Anderson of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

A copy of our report of this inspection is enclosed and identifies the areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with plant personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities appear to be in violation of AEC requirements. The items and reference to the pertinent requirements are listed under Enforcement Action in the Summary of Findings Section of the enclosed inspection report. Prior to the conclusion of the inspection, the inspectors determined that corrective action had been taken with respect to these violations and that measures have been taken to assure that a similar, future violation will be avoided. Consequently, no reply to this letter is required, and we have no further questions regarding these matters at this time.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the AEC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the AEC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you or your contractor believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application to this office, within twenty days of your receipt of this letter, to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement of the reasons for

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which it is claimed that the information is proprietary, and should be prepared so the proprietary information identified in the application is contained in a separate part of the document. Unless we receive an application to withhold information or are otherwise contacted within the specified time period, the written material identified in this paragraph will be placed in the Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is necessary; however, should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely yours,

James G. Keppler
Regional Director

Enclosure:
RO Inspection Report
No. 50-263/74-06

cc: C. E. Larson
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