This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Northern States Power Company Facility:

Monticello Nuclear Power Station

Monticello, MN Docket No. 50-263 Licensee Emergency Classification: Notification of Unusual Event

Alert

Site Area Emergency General Emergency Not Applicable

Subject:

EXTENSION OF SHUTDOWN FOR GREATER THAN 48 HOURS

Northern States Power Company has extended its present shutdown to January 6, 1982. The previous date was December 5, 1981. This action was necessitated by a crack in the hub of the eleventh stage wheel in the main turbine. The eleventh stage is being removed and a stationary plate will be installed to provide the necessary pressure drop. These actions were recommended by the turbine manufacturer, General Electric.

Neither the licensee nor Region III are planning a press release.

The State of Minnesota will be notified.

This information was received from the Senior Resident Inspector via telecon at 10:15 a.m. (CST) on November 24, 1981 and is current as of 11:15 a.m. (CST).

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