



Northern States Power Company

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
2807 West Hwy 75
Monticello, Minnesota 55362-9637

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Technical Specification
3.13.B.3.b

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Special Report Required by Monticello Technical Specification 3.13.B.3.b

Monticello Technical Specifications, Section 3.13.B, "Fire Suppression Water System," specifies limiting conditions for operation for the Monticello fire suppression system. Technical Specification 3.13.B.2 allows one of the three fire protection pumps to be inoperable provided redundant pumps are operable. Technical Specification 3.13.B.3.b states:

"With the fire suppression water systems otherwise inoperable...[p]rovide a special report to the Commission within 14 days outlining the actions taken and the plans and schedule for restoring the system to operable status."

This letter provides the information required by the above specification.

On January 19, 1995 two of the three fire protection pumps were out of service for a period of approximately fifteen hours. This action was taken for the performance of planned preventative maintenance on two check valves and a drain valve in the fire suppression system. The isolation for these valves required the common header for the two fire pumps to be isolated resulting in the inoperability of the two fire pumps. The check valve maintenance consisted of an inspection, per the plant check valve program. The preventative maintenance for the drain valve consisted of replacing a style of valve known to exhibit deficiencies in similar applications with a different style of valve.

One of the two inoperable fire protection pumps was returned to service and determined to be fully operable on January 19, 1995. The second inoperable fire protection pump was determined to be fully operable on January 20, 1995.

During the period of time which the two fire protection pumps were inoperable the following compensatory actions were taken:

Performance of work requiring the use of ignition sources (e.g., welding, flame cutting, brazing, or soldering) was not allowed in the pertinent affected structures.

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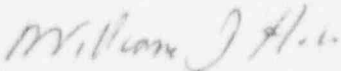
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A one hour roving fire watch was established in the pertinent affected structures.

Contingency plans were in place to terminate the maintenance and restore the fire suppression system in an expeditious manner, if required.

This letter contains no new NRC commitments, nor does it modify any prior commitments.

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