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Docket No. 50-263

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. L. O. Mayer, Director of
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Gentlemen:

The Commission's Regulatory staff has filed the enclosed "Notice of Proposed Issuance of Changes to Technical Specifications of Facility Operating License" with the Office of the Federal Register for publication. The notice relates to your request dated November 19, 1973, and supplements thereto, for approval to operate the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant using a partial loading of 8 x 8 fuel bundles.

A copy of the "Technical Report on the General Electric Company 8 x 8 Fuel Assembly" dated February 5, 1974, also is enclosed for your information. A copy of our Safety Evaluation will be sent to you when it is completed and will be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
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Enclosures:

1. Federal Register Notice
2. Technical Report

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