

Docket No. 50-263

JAN 25 1978

Northern States Power Company
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Gentlemen:

By letter dated November 25, 1977, we forwarded to you recommended interim technical specifications for fire protection at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. These specifications revised, where necessary, the specifications submitted in your January 31, 1977 response to our September 30, 1976 letter.

You responded to our November 25, 1977 letter by letter dated December 16, 1977, in which you took exception to three particular specifications.

In order to achieve expeditious implementation of the fire protection Technical Specifications, Specification 6.1.C.6 is being issued at this time with the minimum number of on-site fire brigade members specified as 3 as you proposed. This number is less than the minimum number given in the generic staff position, "Minimum Fire Brigade Shift Size," which was an attachment to the Safety Evaluation issued with our letter of November 25, 1977. However, we are presently evaluating your justifications for this smaller brigade size, and when the evaluation is completed, the minimum number will be increased if we do not agree with your position.

The same consideration is being given to Specification 4.13.8.1.k (concerning valve position verification) and Figure 6.1.2. (concerning specification of responsible fire protection personnel). Specification 4.13.8.1.k and Figure 6.1.2 have been issued as requested in your December 16, 1977 letter. However, upon completion of our further review, we may require that the specification and figure be modified.

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The enclosed fire protection Technical Specifications for Monticello are being issued as Amendment No. 33 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22. A copy of the Notice of Issuance is enclosed. The related Safety Evaluation was enclosed with our November 25, 1977 letter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
Don K. Davis

Don K. Davis, Acting Chief
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Division of Operating Reactors

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1. Amendment No. 33 to DPR-22
2. Notice

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