Docket No. 50-263

Northern States Power Company ATTN: Mr. L. O. Mayer Director of Nuclear Support Services 414 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Gentlemen:

In the past year, significant new guidance relating to quality assurance activities for the operations phase of nuclear power plants has been issued by the NRC. These are WASH-1284 (10/26/73), "Guidance on Quality Assurance Requirements During the Operations Phase of Nuclear Power Plants;" WASH-1309 (5/10/74), "Guidance on Quality Assurance Requirements During the Construction Phase of Nuclear Power Plants;" and WASH-1283 (5/24/74), "Guidance on Quality Assurance Requirements During Design and Procurement Phase of Nuclear Power Plants -- Revision 1." The latter two documents, while directed primarily to plant design and construction phase activities, are equally applicable to design, procurement and construction activities which may take place over the lifetime of the plant.

In reviewing the docketed information for the Monticello plant, we note that the information presented in the FSAR, as amended, does not specifically address each of the controls described in the above WASH documents. We believe that application of the guidance contained in these WASH documents would enhance your operational QA program.

Accordingly, you should submit an updated description of your operational QA program for the Monticello plant which demonstrates how your operational QA program will provide the controls discussed in the referenced documents. The description should be in conformance with the Standard Format. Enclosed for your information and guidance are Sections 17.1 and 17.2 of the Regulatory Standard Review Plan, which we currently use in evaluating the acceptability of operational QA programs, and copies of WASH documents, 1283, 1284 and 1309.

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If your program contains exceptions to the provisions included in these documents, you should identify such exceptions and describe your alternative approach.

The above information should be filed as an amendment to your FSAR within 90 days following receipt of this letter with one signed original and thirty-nine additional copies.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Dennis L. Ziemann, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #2 Division of Reactor Licensing

Enclosures: 1. Standard Review Plan 17.1 and 17.2

2. WASH-1283

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3. WASH-1284

4. WASH-1309

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