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Northern States Power Company
 ATTN: Mr. L. S. Eliason,
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Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your letter dated September 17, 1976. Your letter stated that the last annual written operator examination as part of the Monticello operator Requalification Program had been administered in January and February of 1976, and that the next examination will be administered in January and February of 1977.

The requirements of paragraph 50.54 (i-1) of 10 CFR Part 50 requires that changes to the approved operator requalification program, which decrease the frequency or scope, shall be approved by the Commission. Therefore, program changes, as specified in 50.54 (i-1), shall not be made unless prior approval is obtained and it is understood that the next annual examination will be administered prior to February 28, 1977.

I hope this information will be of use to you.

Sincerely,
 ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
 P. F. COLLINS

Paul F. Collins, Chief
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