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Gentlemen:

Our previous letters transmitted to you the November 3, 1971 Environmental Report and Supplement No. 1 thereto dated April 4, 1972, by the Northern States Power Company (NSP) for the Monticelle Nuclear Generating Plant located in Wright and Sherburne Counties, Minnesota. By letter dated May 2, 1972, NSP transmitted the enclosed errate and substitution pages for the above report.

The AEC Regulatory staff has analyzed the Environmental Report and its supplement, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Statement on environmental considerations related to conversion of Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22 for the Monticello Plant to a full-term operating license.

Copies of our Draft Environmental Statement and the related notice of availability are enclosed. As required by Commission regulations, the notice is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

As indicated in the notice, requests for sopies of the Draft Environmental Statement should be sent to the United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, Attention: Deputy Director for Reactor Projects.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Donald J. Fkewholt
Assistant Director for
Operating Reactors
Directorate of Licensing

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- 1. NSP letter dtd 5/2/72 and enclosures
- 2. Draft Environmental Statement

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