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Docket No. 50-263

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
Director of Nuclear
Generation
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear Mr. Larson:

SUBJECT: OPERATOR AND SENIOR OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

In a telephone conversation between Mr. Earney, Training Coordinator, and Mr. Lang, Acting Chief, Operator Licensing Section, Region III, arrangements were made for the administration of the examinations at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

The written examinations are scheduled for May 24, 1983. The plant oral examinations are scheduled for May 25 and May 26, 1983.

In order for us to meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for the facility to furnish the approved reference material listed in Enclosure 1 by March 23, 1983. Any delay in receiving this material will result in a delay in administering of the examinations. Our examinations are scheduled far in advance with considerable planning to utilize our present limited examiner manpower and to meet the examination dates requested by the various facilities. Therefore, missing the March 23, 1983 deadline, even by a few days, will likely result in a long delay, since it would not be possible to reschedule examinations at other facilities. Mr. Earney has been advised of our reference material requirements, the number of reference material sets that are required, and the examiners' names and addresses where each set is to be mailed.

The facility management is responsible for providing adequate space and facilities in order to properly conduct the written examinations. Enclosure 2, "Administration of Operator Licensing Written Examinations" describes our requirements for conducting these examinations. Mr. Earney has also been informed of these requirements.

All operator and senior license applications should be submitted at least 60 days and not less than 30 days prior to the first examination dates so that we will be able to review the training and experience of the candidates, process

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the medical certifications, and prepare final examiner assignments after candidate eligibility has been determined.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the examination procedures and requirements, please contact Mr. Lang (312)932-2528, or Mr. McMillen (312)932-2559.

Sincerely,

William S. Little, Chief
Engineering Programs Branch

Enclosures: As stated

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