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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Northern States Power Company (EA 87-147)
(Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant)
License No. DPR-22
Docket No. 50-263

Subject: IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$50,000

By EN 87-85 dated September 30, 1987 the Commission was notified of the intent of OE to issue a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to Northern States Generating Plant. This action was based on a violation involving the failure to establish and implement a procedure to evaluate the effects of electrical design changes on other portions of the system in the area of electrical coordination. This lead to a change being made which created an unreviewed safety question in that faults on non safety-related components could cause the loss of multiple essential buses during a design basis event.

The licensee responded to the Notice in a letter dated November 4, 1987. After careful consideration of the licensee's request for mitigation, the staff has concluded that a sufficient basis for reduction of the proposed civil penalty was not provided.

Accordingly, an Order Imposing Civil Penalty in the amount of \$50,000 has been issued today. Under the terms of the Order, the licensee may within 30 days of the date of the Order, pay the civil penalty or request a hearing.

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