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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION RELATED TO THE MONTICELLO RESPONSE TO GENERIC
LETTER 96-06 (TAC NO. M96835)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On September 30, 1996, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter 96-06, "Assurance of Equipment Operability and Containment Integrity During Design-Basis Accident Conditions." On October 25, 1996, and January 28, 1997, Northern States Power Company (NSP) provided the required responses to the generic letter.

Additional information, as discussed in the enclosure, is requested in order for the staff to complete its review. NRC requests that NSP respond by October 30, 1997.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (301) 415-1392.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-263

Enclosure: As stated

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE
MONTICELLO RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 96-06 (TAC NO. 496835)

In its January 28, 1997, letter responding to Generic Letter 96-06, Northern States Power Company (NSP) identified thirteen pipes that penetrated containment and were susceptible to thermally-induced pressurization. NSP indicated that it had determined some of the thirteen pipes to be acceptable by analysis, and that some pipes were drained. NSP also indicated that it would pursue the installation of permanent pressure relief devices on six of the thirteen pipes.

The NRC requests that NSP provide summaries of the evaluations performed for the pipes in the thirteen affected penetrations. The summaries should include fabrication drawings of the piping sections evaluated and describe the method of analysis, including the assumptions used in the analyses, and the results. The response from NSP should also explain how the criteria used for the evaluations meet the licensing basis criteria for Monticello and provide the schedule for the completion of any modifications that may be required.

ENCLOSURE