

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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October 16, 2020

Mr. Thomas Conboy Site Vice President Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Northern States Power Company - Minnesota 2807 West County Road 75 Monticello, MN 55362-9637

SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Conboy:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved the subject examinations and you may administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 11, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," during the week of October 26, 2020. The NRC staff is currently scheduled to administer the operating tests during the week of October 19, 2020. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. If administration of the operating tests must be delayed, a mutually agreeable date for the subsequent administration of the operating tests will be arranged between your facility and myself. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at 630-829-9868.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Chuck Zoia, at 630-829-9863, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

Patricia

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Patricia J. Pelke, Chief **Operations Branch** Division of Reactor Safety

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Letter to Thomas Conboy from Patricia J. Pelke dated October 16, 2020.

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