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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

May 16, 1979

Mr. James G. Keppler
Director - Region III
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

The following is submitted in reply to IE Bulletin 79-09:

There are currently 65 GE type AK-2 circuit breakers in use at Monticello. This includes 10 spare breakers. Because AK-2 breakers are used to supply essential motor control centers, many safety systems are involved. They include all ECCS, SBLC and the diesel generators.

Our current preventive maintenance program provides maintenance for these breakers every two refueling outages. Maintenance is performed by permanent full time employees of NSP who form a service group providing maintenance for all plants in the NSP system.

Work performed on safety related breakers is controlled by written procedures which reference the GE power circuit breaker instruction manual.

Because our breakers do not include the optional undervoltage trip device many of the corrective actions described in GE Service Alert Letter No. 175 (CPPD) 9.3 do not apply to our facility. Items No. 2, 4 and 6 of this Service Alert are, however, applicable to all AK-2 type breakers and will be included in our procedures for use during our 1980 refueling outage.

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If additional information is required, please communicate directly with plant management.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. J. Wachter".

L. J. Wachter
Vice President - Power Production
and System Operation

cc: Mr. G. Charnoff
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Washington, D.C.