



Northern States Power Company

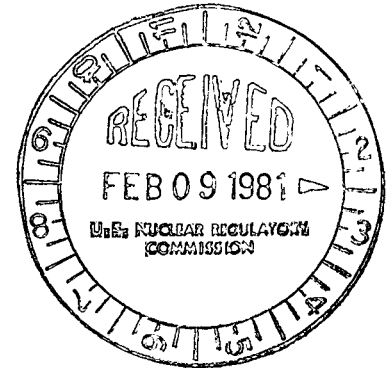
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D. E. Gilberts
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January 30, 1981

Mr. James G. Keppler
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137



Dear Mr. Keppler:

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

This letter provides further information with respect to IE Bulletin No. 80-17, Supplement 4.

This letter constitutes our response to items 4 and 6 and a further response to item 5. Our response to items 1, 2, 3 and 5 was submitted to your office in our letter dated December 23, 1980.

4. A full system test as described in the bulletin will be performed during the refueling outage presently scheduled to begin on April 18, 1981.
5. As previously stated, procedures and operating instructions have been revised to include the specified manual check and operability requirements. Further, periodic surveillance tests have been developed. Due to the "on-off" nature of the system, the only criteria for system repair or replacement is the ability of the system to produce the required outputs. The system vendor has stated that there are no service life limitations.

An operability test, as described in item 2, that is required to be performed semi-annually, will be satisfied when the plant is shutdown for the refueling outage. Modifications to improve the hydraulic coupling will be made to the scram discharge volume during a maintenance outage presently scheduled for October, 1981. At that time this monitoring system will no longer be required.

6. The procedures required by item 6 have been developed. The NRC will be notified prior to changing the alarm setpoint of the water monitoring system.

Yours truly,

D. E. Gilberts
Senior Vice President
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cc: Mr. C. H. Brown
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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

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LETTER DATED JANUARY 30, 1981
RESPONDING TO NRC REQUEST
FOR INFORMATION IN IE BULLETIN NO. 80-17

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, by this letter dated January 30, 1981, hereby submits information in response to NRC request for information concerning IE Bulletin No. 80-17, Supplement 4.

This request contains no restricted or other defense information.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

By: D. E. Gilberts
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On this 30th day of January, 19 81, before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared D. E. Gilberts, Senior Vice President, Power Supply, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof, and that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

Jeanne M. Hacker

