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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant's 120-Day Response to NRC Request for Information Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) Regarding the Seismic Aspects of Recommendation 2.3 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident

References:

1. NRC Letter, "Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident" dated March 12, 2012, ADAMs Accession No. ML12056A046.
2. NRC Letter, "Endorsement of Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Draft Report 1025286, 'Seismic Walkdown Guidance,'" dated May 31, 2012, ADAMs Accession No. ML12145A529.

On March 12, 2012, the NRC Staff issued Reference 1 to all NRC power reactor licensees and holders of construction permits in active or deferred status. Enclosure 3 of the March 12, 2012 letter contains specific Requested Actions, Requested Information, and Required Responses associated with Near-Term Task Force (NTTF) Recommendation 2.3, Seismic Walkdowns. This letter provides the required 120-day response to NTTF Recommendation 2.3, Seismic Walkdowns, for the Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy (NSPM), on behalf of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (MNGP).

For NTTF Recommendation 2.3, Seismic Walkdowns, Enclosure 3 of Reference 1 states that within 120 days of the date of Reference 1, addressees will confirm that they intend to use the NRC-endorsed seismic walkdown procedures, or provide to the NRC

a description of the process that will be used to conduct the walkdowns and to develop the needed information. On May 31, 2012, the NRC Staff endorsed the seismic walkdown procedure, EPRI 1025286, "Seismic Walkdown Guidance," in Reference 2.

NSPM confirms that the EPRI seismic walkdown guidance, as endorsed by Reference 2, will be used as the basis for conducting the seismic walkdowns and developing the needed information at the MNGP.

If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact Ms. Jennie Eckholt, Licensing Engineer, at 612-330-5788.

Summary of Commitments

This letter makes no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 9, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Schimmel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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