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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

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October 20, 1976

Mr J G Keppler, Director, Region III
Office of Inspection & Enforcement
U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Mr Keppler:

On October 8, 1976, it was reported to your office that No. 3
TIP ball valve failed to automatically close during routine
operation of the TIP System and that further investigation would
be made.

Investigation during the period October 11-13, 1976, has con-
firmed that the valve did not fail to close properly, but rather
that cold solder connections on pins in the connecting plug
attached to the valve/switch body resulted in incorrect remote
position indication.

This occurrence is therefore not considered reportable. No
Licensee Event Report will be issued and the Event Number
assigned at the time (M-RO-76-21) will not be re-used.

Yours very truly,

L. O. Mayer

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Manager of Nuclear Support Services

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