

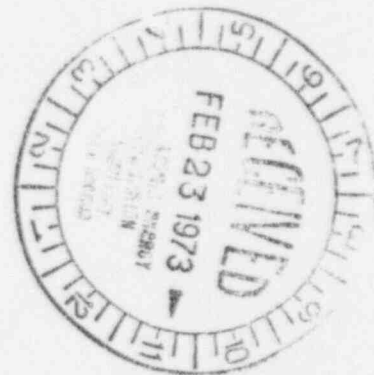
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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

February 20, 1973

Mr. A Giambusso
Deputy Director for Reactor Projects
Directorate of Licensing
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D C 20545



Dear Mr. Giambusso:

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

Request for Authorization to Operate With
Reload Fuel in the Core

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59 (d), we request authorization for operation of the Monticello Plant with reload fuel in the core as described in the attached report entitled "First Reload License Submittal."

The fuel assemblies which will be inserted have a design slightly different than that described in the PSAR. The attached report describes the new fuel and provides a comparison to the initial fuel design. A safety analysis is included which shows that the reload core fuel does not respond significantly different from the initial core fuel. No changes in the Technical Specifications are required by the insertion of the new fuel assemblies.

The Monticello Operations Committee and the Safety Audit Committee have reviewed this authorization request.

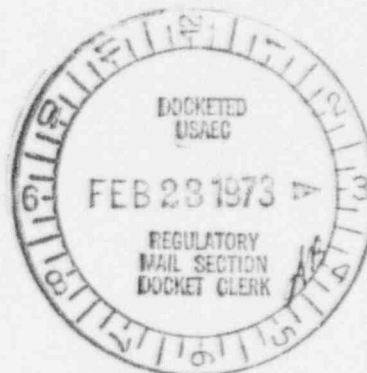
Our outage is scheduled to commence early in March, 1973 and is expected to last approximately eight weeks. We shall appreciate establishment of a review and authorization schedule which will permit resumption of plant operation as planned.

Yours very truly,

L O Mayer, P.E.
Director of Nuclear Support Services

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