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Dear Mr Paperiello:

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

Response to NRC Notice of Violation Letter Dated June 27, 1983

This letter is sent to you pursuant to Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations and in response to Inspection Report No. 50-263/83-09 which cited an apparent non-compliance with NRC requirements.

Description of Violation

Two requirements were cited. 10CFR50, Appendix E, Section IV.D.3, states in part that "a licensee shall have the capability to notify responsible State and Local governmental agencies within 15 minutes after declaring an emergency". Technical Specification, paragraph 6.5.A.6 requires preparation of and adherence to implementing procedures of the emergency plan.

Contrary to the above requirements, the licensee failed to demonstrate this capability after declaration of a Notification of Unusual Event (NUE) on April 11, 1983. The State of Minnesota was notified 66 minutes after declaring this NUE, a time period greater than 15 minutes. Further, the licensee failed to follow Emergency Plan Implementing Procedure A.2-102, Attachment 4, which states that both counties and the State shall be notified within 15 minutes after declaring an emergency.

Admission or Denial Statement

We agree that our procedures require that notifications to State and Local governmental agencies be made within 15 minutes, and that we failed to comply with our requirements in this case. However, we do not agree that our actions are in non-compliance with 10CFR50, Appendix E, Section IV.D.3. We do have the

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capability to make the required notifications within the time allowed and in fact have demonstrated this on several occasions.

Reasons for the Violation

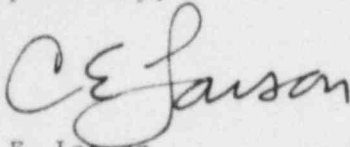
The major factor in our failure to make timely notifications was that the Shift Supervisor became involved in corrective actions and did not notify the shift communicator promptly following the emergency declaration.

Corrective Actions and Results Achieved

To prevent further non-compliance, shift supervisors were instructed on the importance of promptly notifying the shift communicator. To further decrease our response time, the procedure step which addresses contacting the shift communicator was revised. The shift supervisor is now instructed to direct the communicator to initiate calls to the State and Local governmental agencies from the communicator's quarters in situations where there is not time for the communicator to first respond to the plant. Procedures and forms to facilitate notifications from the communicator's quarters were positioned accordingly and all shift communicators were notified of the reason for the change and the proper way to handle the initial notifications.

With these actions complete, we believe that full compliance has been achieved.

Respectfully,



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