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Northern States Power Company

February 7, 1984

Mr. James G. Keppler, Director  
Region III, Office of Inspection & Enforcement  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glenn Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

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

The following is submitted in response to IE Bulletin 83-06:

1. A review of Attachment 2, Table I to IEB 83-06 identified the Monticello Nuclear Plant as a recipient of carbon steel from Tube Line Corporation via Capital Pipe and Steel Products Company through Cherne Contracting Corporation.
2. The materials identified consisted of six 10 inch, Schedule 80, 90 degree elbows purchased by Cherne Contracting Corporation on their purchase order M8298 from Capital Pipe and Steel Products Company (CPSP Co.) who obtained them from Tube Line Corporation. The elbows bore the stamping: Tube Line, Schedule 80 SA 234 WPB, EZWB.

These carbon steel elbows were ordered by Cherne Contracting for Northern States Power Company's Nuclear Engineering and Construction Department (NE&C) in April, 1982 and received in June, 1982 for the Main Steam Safety Relief Valve Drain Line and Tap Modification Project (NSP Project Job Number E-E81N335). The elbows originally consigned to this project, were never incorporated into the plant, but rather turned over to the plant as excess material and placed in an outside locked storage area when Cherne forces demobilized.

Upon receipt of IE Information Notice 83-07 in March, 1983, Cherne Contracting contacted CPSP Company to determine if materials received from them were possibly deficient and then notified NSP's NE&C Department by telephone and a followup letter dated April 14, 1983, that the subject elbows were deficient.

The six elbows supplied by Tube Line were then located in the locked storage area and returned to CPSP Company in May, 1983. They were never installed or used at the Monticello Nuclear facility.

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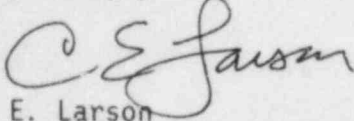
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3. A review of Monticello plant purchase orders indicated that no materials were directly supplied from Tube Line or CPSP Company. Capital Pipe and Steel Products Company and Tube Line Corporation are not on NSP's Approved Vendors List maintained by Power Supply Quality Assurance. This does not, however, preclude a contractor from purchasing materials from CPSP Company, if approved by them.

Contractor QA personnel for Cherne Contracting Corporation and AZCO Incorporated provided verbal assurance that no ASME Code materials supplied by Tube Line have been purchased and installed at the Monticello Plant since 1981.

Very truly yours,



C. E. Larson  
Director, Nuclear Generation

cc: C H Brown, Monticello NRC Resident Inspector  
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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

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RESPONSE TO I.E. BULLETIN NO. 83-06

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, hereby submits the response to I.E. Bulletin No. 83-06 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

This letter contains no restricted or other defense information.

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*C. E. Larson*

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Director, Nuclear Generation

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1984, before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared C. E. Larson, Director, Nuclear Generation, 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.

*Betty J. Dean*

