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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

August 22, 1969

Dr. Peter A. Morris, Director
Division of Reactor Licensing
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545



Dear Dr. Morris:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT E-5979
Docket Number 50-263 Regulatory File Cy.
Amendment No. 16

Attached are three signed originals and nineteen conformed copies of Amendment No. 16 to the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Operating License Application.

This amendment submits answers to certain of the questions conveyed by your letter of July 16, 1969. The balance of the answers to your questions will be submitted in a subsequent amendment next month.

Also included in this amendment is certain financial information requested in your letter of June 18.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur V. Dienhart".

Arthur V. Dienhart
Assistant Vice President - Engineering

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Attachment



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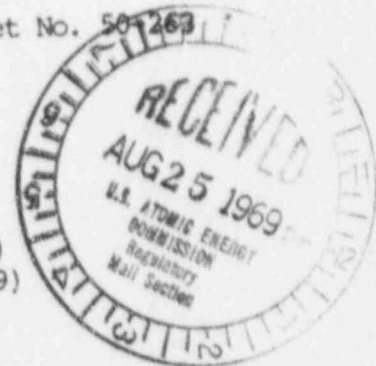
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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

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INFORMATION PURSUANT TO 10CFR50 SECTION 50.33(f)
(Requested by Dr. P. A. Morris' Letter of 6-18-69)



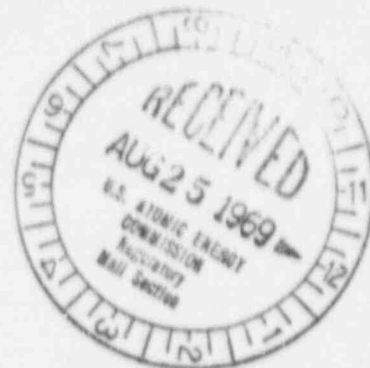
The estimated cost of operating the nuclear facility for a five-year period is \$44,000,000. This cost does not include annual carrying charges, but does include fuel, operating, and maintenance costs.

The applicant has not formulated plans for permanently shutting down the utilization facility and maintaining it in a safe condition if and when it may occur. However, assuming shutdown measures comparable to those authorized by the Atomic Energy Commission for the retirement of the Hallam Nuclear Power Facility, it is estimated that the cost of such shutdown for the Monticello utilization facility would not be in excess of \$6,000,000, based on today's costs.

The \$6,000,000 cost of shutting down the facility represents a small percentage of the estimated \$150,000,000 per year of construction expenditures being made by NSP. The \$750,000 annual carrying charges associated with the \$6,000,000 investment can be compared with NSP's 1968 annual revenue of \$291,000,000. In the past NSP has successfully financed its requirements for construction and its revenues have been adequate to cover operating expenses and there is reasonable assurance that NSP can obtain the funds necessary for shutting down the utilization facility and maintaining it in a safe condition.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)



D. F. McElroy, being first duly sworn, says that he is the Vice President - Engineering of Northern States Power Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, that he executed the foregoing application for amendment for the purpose therein set forth; that the statements made in said application for amendment are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief; that he was authorized to execute said application on behalf of said corporation; and that the seal affixed is the corporate seal of said corporation.

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D. F. McElroy

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 22 day of August, 1969

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert E. Hessian".
Robert E. Hessian
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minnesota

My Commission Expires May 15, 1976

(Notarial Seal)

