



Northern States Power Company

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
2807 West Hwy 75
Monticello, Minnesota 55362-9637

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Technical Specification
3.13.B.3.b

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Special Report Required by Monticello Technical Specification 3.13.B.3.b

Monticello Technical Specifications, Section 3.13.B, "Fire Suppression Water System," specifies limiting conditions for operation for the Monticello fire suppression system. Technical Specification 3.13.B.2 allows one of the three fire protection pumps to be inoperable provided redundant pumps are operable. Technical Specification 3.13.B.3.b states:

"With the fire suppression water systems otherwise inoperable...[p]rovide a special report to the Commission within 14 days outlining the actions taken and the plans and schedule for restoring the system to operable status."

This letter provides the information required by the above specification.

On March 14, 1996 at 0532 hours, two of the three fire pumps were removed from service for planned modification work. This planned action was necessary to install injection connections with isolation valves in the fire line piping just downstream of the pump(s) discharge valves. The isolation for these valves required the common header from the two fire pumps to be isolated resulting in the inoperability of the two fire pumps. The injection connections with isolation valves will be used in the future to inject biocide and dispersant to control the growth of Microbiological Influenced Corrosion (MIC).

Both fire pumps were returned to service at 1802 hours the same day (March 14, 1996).

During the period of time for which the two fire protection pumps were inoperable, the following compensatory actions were taken:

Performance of work requiring the use of ignition sources (e.g., welding, flame cutting, brazing, or soldering) was not allowed in the pertinent affected structures.

Contingency plans were in place to terminate the maintenance and restore the fire suppression system in an expeditious manner, if required.

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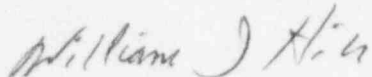
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This letter contains no new NRC commitments, nor does it modify any prior commitments.

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